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USG Approves Governance Model

The United Student Government (USG) of BCC has approved a newly proposed governance plan that would provide for equal representation of students and faculty.

Under the new proposal (see FULCRUM, January 30), a single governance body would operate on campus, with three administrators, six faculty members and six student representatives.

USG approved the new plan at their regular January 21 meeting, the proposal prompted considerable discussion. Doug Garner, assistant to the Dean for Liberal Arts, and the originator of the plan, was on hand to field questions.

Mike Cusick, USG Executive Board member, said that schedule conflicts prevented the full board membership from discussing the plan before it came up before the entire USG.

Cusick said the plan unites the three groups on Campus—faculty, administration, students—in a constructive manner.

He also said the governance body should retain the power to publish their majority recommendations, regardless of whether or not these recommendations are approved by President Smith.

Cusick felt that representation of student views on matters pertaining to them is essential. "Students should have as much say as anyone in policies concerning them."

Given a viable governance system, Cusick said, governance can work. "Governance can be an aid in the decision-making process by bringing other perspectives to the administration," he observed.

USG President Rick Goldman also commented on the new governance proposal in a recent interview. He said the representation scheme of the new model was "adequate."

Goldman agreed with the unicameral concept of the new proposal. He felt that it was "too hard to get (over) 50 people together" to work on governance.

The new governance system should only recommend policy, Goldman commented. He also observed that the three administrative positions in the system would rotate among the administrators, in relation to the particular area the governance body was dealing with.

Goldman said that students should participate in college governance. "The purpose of a governance system is to bring the groups on campus together," he noted, "and this means all the groups on campus."

Commenting on last year's governance model, Goldman said that it was too large and complex. "another problem, I feel, was that we didn't have the president's full attention," he explained. Goldman declared that President Smith gave no reasons for rejecting the recommendations of the governance system last year. He added that the new model should alleviate this problem.

Under the new model, "The president has to be more aware of what's going on, Goldman said. He also added that the president must respond within a certain number of days to governance suggestions.

Goldman prophesized that all parties involved should approve the new system. After approval, the new model could be in operation with a week.

Doug Garner, left, author of the new governance proposal, confers with USG President Rick Goldman at a recent meeting.

"The success of the governance system will depend on the people involved," Goldman said. "I hope all the people involved will work as ambitiously as I will for the success of this system." He described the new proposal as the "last ditch effort" for governance at BCC, and added that "if this fails, it will be the end of governance on this campus."

Young Portrait One of Eccentricity

by Vicki Bergmann
FULCRUM Staff Writer

Described as "seedy," "crazy," "a laugh," a "hobbit," and self-proclaimed "dirty old man," it becomes evident immediately upon meeting John Young that he is all of these and more. A school photographer with the Audio-Visual Department, Young is a lively, roaring man who flits and booms from place to place, yet settles quickly into the quiet role of serious free-thinker and philosopher. He is bold, and dramatic, and intensely serious about his life and work.

A self taught photographer, he describes a previous job as a "kidnapper"—an itinerant photographer who "travels from town to town" snapping "baby pictures." He also worked at Stickley-Siver before coming to Broome. Here he describes himself as a "Jack-of-all-trades", often on call 24 hours a day. His many duties include work with college public relations, both on eampus and off, slides and films for classroom projects, films for the nursing department, closed circuit television, and the scheduling use of and handling of audio-visual equipment.

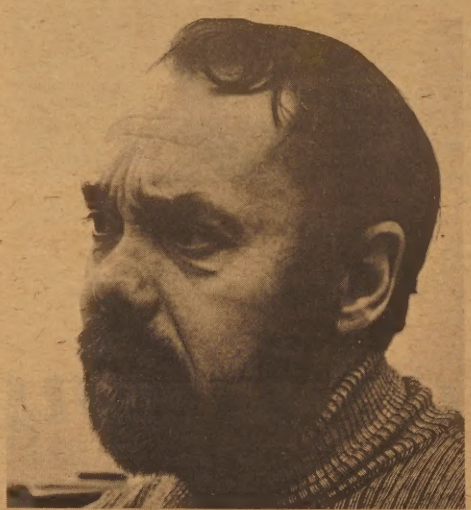
Currently, he is working on pictures for a new school catalogue. "Every three or four years," he says, there are "marked changes in students' styles" of dress, haircuts and such." The pictures he is taking now are to "update" college promotional literature.

Young claims to regard work as a "nasty four letter word;" he concedes that his job is constantly "run, run, run," and that often he gets no chance for lunch or coffee breaks. But it's all worth it to a man who sincerely likes his job. It's a "nicer atmosphere" to work in here than at other jobs—and he "loves working with kids."

His schedule, though hectic, still allows time to pursue his hobbies. One lifelong interest is railroading and train history. Combined with his interest and talent in photography, he has acquired many pictures and much knowledge of American railroads.

Young has also been advisor to the school's camera club for ten years. He outlines its program as a "non-credit, beginner's course" in basic photography. The club instructs the student in camera handling and hardware as well as the "art" of picture taking. The club is also involved in some television work.

Young warns students that those who do not take advantage of the extra-curricular activities which Broome offers are getting "only half an education." There are so many "untapped opportunities" on campus that go to waste because of apparent lack of student interest. He urges students not to get lost in the cloud of "apathy" that is growing throughout the school.



John Young, BCC's self-taught photographer

An outspoken man, he readily offered his opinions on Broome Community College itself. It's a "great junior college," he says and calls it "tops" in its category. He is disappointed however, in certain administrative attitudes—particularly those involving the legislators "downtown." Commenting on recent faculty - administration confrontations he wishes they'd stop rattling the skeletons of the past" and concentrate on "improvements for the future."

As a result of shaky relations after last semester's negotiations, Young terms the resultant campus "polarization" as "tragic." It is tremendously important, he feels, to "heal" the "serious fracture" in campus relations. Students and education will continue to be hurt if unification does not occur.

When asked of his opinion of the aesthetics of Broome's campus, Young commented "it looks like hell!" Most of

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Carnation Sale Benefits Lodge

The Broome Community College Circle K Club is sponsoring a carnation sale tomorrow for the benefit of the proposed Cancer Patient Lodge to be built at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Binghamton. The club, assisted by volunteers, will be selling the fresh, multi-colored flowers for a donation of 50 cents each.

The proposed lodge would provide low-cost overnight accommodations, lounging areas, and housekeeping facilities to patients who travel long distances to receive treatment in this area.

The lodge in Binghamton will be modeled after a similar facility at the Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto, Canada. It is believed that the Broome County unit will be the first such center in the United States.

Citing the advantage of having a cancer lodge in Broome County, Dr. Joseph A. Head, president of the New York State Division of the American Cancer Society, said, "A major cost—and problem—in cancer treatment as an outpatient at a center some distance from the patient's home, and treatment may last for several seeks."

Included in the lodge will be reading rooms, lounge areas, arts, crafts, and recreational activities. Volunteers as well as staff will combine to make a patient's stay as comfortable as possible.

Roger Marion, faculty advisor to the Circle K Club, noted that "the Broome Community College campus will have the opportunity of assisting in a great community service" by donating money for carnations. Marion pointed out that day, an ideal day to purchase a flower.

The major fund-raising vehicle for the Cancer Patient Lodge was the Miss World-USA Beauty Pageant, held September 14, 1974.

Ten Year Plan Nears Completion; College Operations Projected

by Lorenz Firsching
FULCRUM News Editor

BCC is currently in the process of drawing up a "master plan" projecting college operations to 1985, according to Vice-President for Academic Affairs Ronald Horvath.

Horvath described the process currently underway as having three parts: 1) the formulation of a master plan for BCC, 2) the suggestion to SUNY of ideas on the total university operations for the next ten years, and 3) the exploration of additional ways in which Region II colleges and universities can have an impact on the SUNY master plan.

The top priority on campus is being given to the BCC master plan, Horvath said. About 90 percent of the work done on the plan is the area of academic affairs, he commented, while about 6 percent concerns administrative affairs and 4 percent deals with student affairs.

The job of creating the campus master plan is supervised by a steering committee, Horvath said. The steering committee consists of President Sigmund Smith, Vice-Presidents Horvath, Alan Roth, and Gary Reddig, Faculty Association President Duane Whittaker, USG President Rick Goldman, Board of Trustees Chairman Carl Gitlitz, and County Legislator Francis Norton (chairman of the Education Committee).

The critical areas for the master plan according to Horvath are enrollment projections, facilities projections, and evaluations of present (and projections for future) academic programs.

The key year for the master plan is 1980, Horvath said. According to SUNY projections, enrollments will begin to decline in 1980. This will contribute to a shift in student population, he said.

If there is growth in community colleges, it will be in the area of part time students, Horvath commented. BCC should see growth in career oriented programs, he said, and in retraining of professionals.

Horvath emphasized that there will still be room for liberal arts in the community college of the future. Liberal arts will incorporate career oriented courses, Horvath said, and will compliment technological courses.

Horvath stressed the concept of "education in transition." By this, Horvath meant the change to career oriented students, as well as the shift to older students, those seeking retraining, or to advance their job opportunities.

BCC will have to study the possibliities of taking the educational process off campus, Horvath commented. The college will have to adapt to "unaddicted learners"—blue collar workers for example, Horvath noted.

Horvath said that his own academic affairs subcommittee was working toward a May 14 deadline. Among the areas Horvath's committee is dealing with are the following:

+General Appraisial

+Campus Mission (and) Clarification

+Academic Programs: Major program changes, program evalution processes, overall profile of academic program offerings projected for future.

+Professional staff: expected changes in professional staff characteristics, matching staff to changing program . . . projected tenure status of faculty . . .

+Non-Traditional Patterns and Methods. . ."

Horvath also said that BCC must continue its remedial and study skills courses in the future. He saw a changing emphasis in elementary and secondary education in the next few years toward "fundamentals-reading, writing, basic skills." BCC will also have to change the emphasis of its academic programs to accomodate the changing student population of the next decade, Horvath commented.

Vice-President for Academic Affairs Ron Horvath

Smith Favors Governance Plan

by Lorenz Firsching
FULCRUM News Editor

The newly proposed governance system meets all conditions necessary to be successfully implemented, according to President Sigmund Smith.

Smith listed several criteria for a good governance system in a recent interview. Smith felt a governance system, to be successful, "should include all constituencies affected by policy making decisions"—faculty, administration, and students.

A governance system should be unicameral, Smith said, and should have representation based on a one man, one vote principle. Any governance system, by law, must serve only in an advisory capacity, Smith added.

Smith criticized last year's governance system as "too complex, with too many subdivisions for a campus of this size." He also asserted that last year's model had no provision for allowing the president to respond to governance suggestions.

The newly proposed model will probably require modifications as it is put into use, Smith said, but its basic structure fills all prerequisites for successful use. Smith said the new system is smaller than last year's model, and "involves all constituents, is persuasive in nature, allows for review of recommendations, and provides for separate responses by faculty, students, and administration."

Smith suggested the establishment of a campus wide policy manual, based on a revision of the current manual by the governance system. Smith expressed a desire to eventually publish an annual updated policy manual.

Smith also emphasized the need for a procedural manual, perhaps incorporated in a policy manual. Such a procedural manual would explain proper procedures for such things as obtaining a parking sticker. Smith also said that a new governance system should deal with procedural as well as policy matters.

Smith said that it is not necessary for the college president to be a voting member of a governance system, as long as he can bring policy matters before the governance body. The administration should be in a position to "sell policy recommendations" to the governance system, he added.

Smith said he had no "hang-ups" about student participation in a governance system. However, the president objected to the idea of student votes being "weighted." This would violate the one man, one vote principle, he felt.

Policy recommendations by a governance system cannot violate existing state laws, Smith warned. For example, he said that he could not approve of the use of college vehicles for sports or student activities even if the governance system recommended such a policy, because that would be in violation of the state law. Smith suggested that any new governance system consult with the college president of legal advisors before recommending policy in areas of possible legal conflict.

Smith said that he was flexible on the matter of how long a period should be allowed before the president is required to respond to recommendations of the governance system. While the governance set-up "should not require instant action," Smith saw no problems with changing the currently-proposed ten class day period to seven days.

Smith emphasized that all constituencies involved should have a chance to approve the proposed governance system. Once that is accomplished, the new system could to into operation "within a week" he commented. In the future, governance positions might be elective rather than appointive, Smith added.

BCC President Sigmund Smith

Opinionated Young Informs

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the buildings look like "scattered crackerboxes." Their arrangement is "ridiculous" and "wasteful," not taking advantage of the beautiful green campus setting. The Business Building he terms a "fiasco" and the library reminds him of a "huge mausoleum."

Young doesn't drive or own a car and declares he "never will." Too many drivers, he feels, are like "Kamakaze pilots" who probably got their licenses with "cereal box-tops." He also feels that the American people are spoiled by their automobiles and are, of course, wasteful of the world's oil. The public, he says, must begin to "face the reality that they're going to have to give up the luxury of their cars."

Because he doesn't drive, Young travels often by bus and he is very vocal about Broome County bus service to and from the college. In a word it's "lousy," Young declares. He feels its "disgusting" that there are only four or five runs a day to a campus where all the students are commuters. He sites SUNY-Binghamton as an example of the unfair transit system. SUAB Young says, has dormitories; most students live on campus, and the college provides free hourly bus service. Yet SUAB also has Broome County bus service each half hour daily. He feels there should be more cooperation between the county run bus service and the county run school. It was Young, in fact who was influential in blocking the County's plan last year to make the first bus run of the day later than would be convenient for school students and employees.

One of Young's most humorous opinions is about Binghamton weather. Here in this area, he says, "weather should be spelled w-h-e-t-h-e-r. You don't know **whether** it will rain or **whether** it will snow—but if you wait five minutes it will do one or the other!" Also he claims that in his native West Virginia, there were certain "natural signs" used to predict the weather. For instance, if it was foggy in the morning a pleasant day would follow; or, if there was a red s the morning it would r ormy day. Here he says, a red sky in the morning means pleasant weather—and if it's a foggy morning it'll be foggy all day long." Perhaps the most incredible phenomenon around here, Young claims, is not the obvious fact that we so seldom get sunshine but that when we do "the temperature drops! Nothing seems to work around here," he declares, and its difficult to acclimate" one's self.

Young is an unusual man with unusual habits and opinions, and a unique philosophy on life. "I like people," he says, and he insists that religion, race or any other differences should not be a factor in relating to people. We all must realize, Young says, how very much we can "attain in life" if we can only "remember that we're all human beings."

One cannot help but see this in his every action and wonder if this happy, colorful, talented man has gained these powerful insights through his unprejudiced camera's eye. Wherever it comes from, here's hoping its contagious—he surely is!

LORENZ FIRSCHING and The Nihilists -- are coming soon!

Mixer Incident Prompts Changes

by Lorenz Firsching
FULCRUM News Editor

A fight at a January 25 Social Activities Committee (SAC) mixer has drawn sharp criticism from BCC President Sigmund Smith, and has caused major changes in SAC security procedures.

According to United Student Government's (USG) Vice-President for Social Activities Brian Allis, the incident at the mixer began when a person claiming to be with the band performing at the time demanded free beer. The SAC bartender on duty refused to give the beer to the person in question. The as yet unidentified male then knocked over several objects on the bar, Allis claims.

When the bartender attempted to eject the unidentified man he was assaulted, according to Allis. When other SAC personnel intervened, several other people in attendance began what Allis described as "a brawl." Finally, the SAC workers ejected the offenders, he said.

Allis declared that security guards hired to maintain order at the mixer "did not perform their duty." He added that this is the consensus opinion of all the SAC workers involved in the January incident.

Allis emphasized that this is the first serious incident at a campus social activity in several years. He said that administrative "threats" to close down mixers due to the recent trouble are "unjustified."

However, Allis said that security measures at mixers will be tightened. "Due to a slight administrative overreaction, we are instigating certain measures for better crowd control."

President Smith spoke at length about the mixer incident at at January 28 USG meeting. Smith charged that several light fixtures on campus had been damaged and that the stamp machine in the Student Center (SUB) had been ripped off the wall.

Allis said that he felt it was impossible to determine when the light fixtures were damaged. "There is no security on campus" on weekends, he asserted, and added that anyone could have done the damage to the light fixtures at any time.

The FULCRUM has learned that Civic Service Employees Association (CSEA) member Frank Martin has testified that the stamp machine was not damaged at the Saturday night mixer, and was still intact early Sunday, January 26. Apparently, the machine was torn off the wall sometime on Sunday, but when and by whom is unclear.

Smith said at the USG meeting that further incidents could cause mixers and other social activities to be closed down. Smith alluded to adverse reaction from the Board of Trustees, but did not specify. Both Gary Reddig, vice-president for Student Affairs, and Coordinator of Student Activities R. Bruce MacGregor denied that they have received any reaction to the January 25 incident from off campus.

Allis also said that he has received no reaction to the mixer problem from off campus. He foresaw no difficulties at social activities in the near future.

However, Allis urged students to help in identifying those involved in any future incidents. While new security measures instituted by the SAC should make such identification certain, Allis said, he observed that "if students see trouble, it would be to their advantage to report it."

Allis confirmed statements that the "majority of the problem (at mixers) is with non-students." He said that new crowd control and security procedures (described on page 3) would alleviate any future problems.

Brian Allis, SAC Vice-President

Incident Not Serious—Reddig

The incident at the January 25 mixer "should not in itself endanger social activities on campus" according to Vice-President for Student Affairs Gary Reddig.

Reddig said the incident was the first of its kind since he has been on campus (Reddig assumed his position in August of 1973). At major universities there are incidents of this kind every night, Reddig declared.

Reddig emphasized however that community colleges are more open to public scrutiny than most universities. "I just wish community college students would realize we are more subject to public pressures," Reddig commented.

"We are more susceptible to pressure regarding incidents on campus," Reddig said. "There is a higher tolerance on four year campuses," he added.

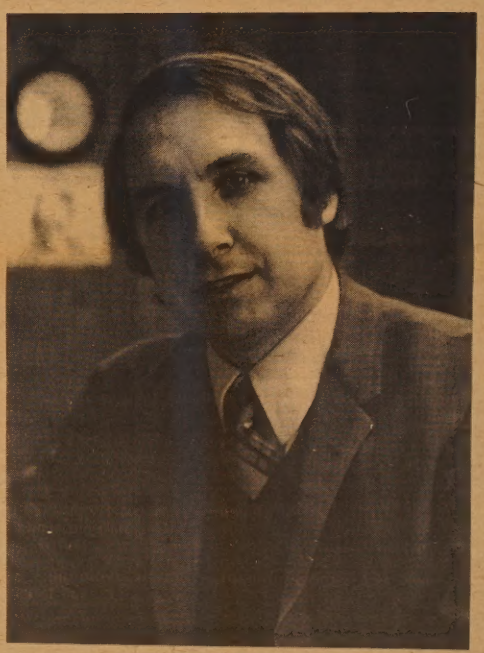
Reddig said that another incident of this kind might jeopardize the attempts of the Faculty-Student Association (FSA) to obtain a tavern license. The Board of Trustees would question the request for such a license if there was another outbreak at a social activity, Reddig commented.

Reddig said he was investigating the incident with an eye toward improving security measures at future activities. "I'm concerned," Reddig said, "but I'm not going to overreact." Reddig asserted that he would "not punish 99 per cent of the students" for the actions of "1 per cent."

Control over those who don't attend BCC while they are at campus activities is limited, Reddig said. The only alternatives if a stranger causes trouble would be to eject them and warn them not to come back, or to call the sheriff's department, he declared. "We will not tolerate off-campus people causing trouble, "Reddig added.

Reddig said that more control over identification of students and non-BCC students at social activities was necessary. One major problem with the January 25 incident was that the students and non-BCC students involved were never identified, Reddig commented. "I hope students will be interested enough to find out what happened and who did what," he added.

According to the reports he has received, Reddig said, the security guards at the mixer did not perform their duty in breaking up fights and identifying the participants. Reddig declared that it was "deplorable" that student bouncers had to intervene to restore order.



Gary Reddig, Vice-President for Student Affairs.

Reddig said that he forsaw no future difficultues at social activities. "If anything does happen, the people involved will be identified," Reddig added.

Security Tightened

Security precautions at future mixers will be tightened to try to prevent incidents such as the one which occured January 25, according to R. Bruce MacGregor, coordinator for Student Activities.

MacGregor said that a list of new security measures was developed in meetings with Social Activities Committee (SAC) Vice-President Brian Allis and SAC workers. The main thrust of the new regulations will be toward controlling people who are not BCC students who attend mixers, MacGregor commented.

Only validated ID cards will be accepted at mixers, MacGregor said. Students will be allowed to bring dates (of the opposite sex only), MacGregor continued, but these students must surrender their ID's at the door. Students and their dates must leave together, he added.

Those not attending BCC will be required to sign a statement listing regulations for their conduct, and will receive a copy of the statement, MacGregor said. They must list their motorist identification number or social security number when signing, he added.

Among other security measures, a new marking stamp for students and non-students under 18 will be used, MacGregor commented. The maximum capacity for mixers will be determined, MacGregor said, and once this figure is reached, no one will be allowed in until someone leaves. Also, no alcohol will be allowed to be brought in—this will be strictly enforced, MacGregor declared.

Crowd control procedures have been re-evaluated, MacGregor said. Among the changes made are the use of special tags and T-shirts to identify SAC workers, and the installation of a flashing blue light to signal the initiation of crowd control procedures, MacGregor said.

MacGregor said that there has been little trouble at social activities in the past. "Our track record has been good," he observed. "The SAC really wants to tighten down security.'"

MacGregor said that inexperienced guards contributed to the difficulties at the January 25 mixer. The guards on duty had never worked a mixer at BCC, and had little or no crowd control experience, he declared.

About 90 percent of the problems at social activities are caused by those who don't attend BCC, MacGregor noted. "We cannot hold students responsible for the actions of their dates," he pointed out, "but we can and will turn offenders over to the sheriffs."

MacGregor foresaw no great difficulties at future social activities. He noted the fact that BCC has not had any serious problems at mixers or other activities in the recent past. He also announced the hiring of sheriffs deputies to function as security personnel at future mixers.

Parliamentarian Suggests Council

United Student Government (USG) Parliamentarian Lorenz Firsching has suggested the formation of a representative council for part time and evening students.

The idea of such a continuing education (Con Ed) council first came up during discussions of student revision plans with USG President Rick Goldman, Firsching said.

At that time, Firsching remarked that there is no vehicle currently in place for representation of part time day and full and part time evening students. Goldman agreed, and suggested to Firsching that he pursue that idea.

"The first idea that occurred to me was to find some way to incorporate such a representative body directly into tthe news USG," Firsching commented. "However, schedule conflicts with such a set-up lead me to the idea of a separate body which could include USG and administration representatives."

Firsching said that such a body would consist of elected representatives of part time and continuing education students, as well as representatives of the USG and of the vice-president for Student Affairs.

"If such a group can be put into action, it will be the first time these students will have a voice in college affairs," Firsching declared. "Part-time day and full and part time evening students represent a constituency as large or larger than full time day students."

Firsching said that Goldman was receptive to his ideas and had promised to explore the possibilities of creating a representative body for students who are not currently represented in the USG.

"I hope something can be accomplished in this area by next fall," Fiisching said. "It would be a major step forward in campus relations and communications."

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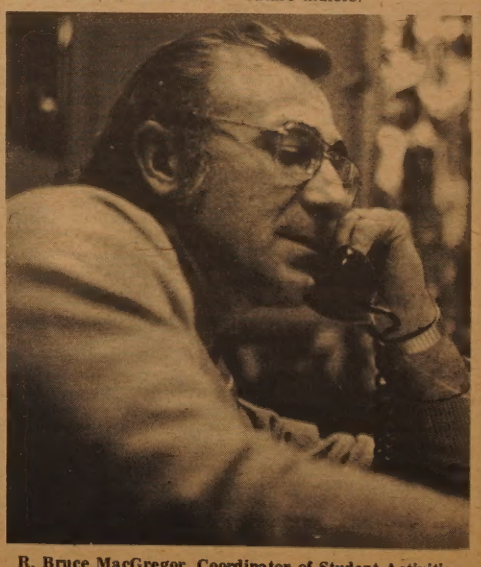

R. Bruce MacGregor, Coordinator of Student Activities

Survey Reveals Faculty Attitudes On Parking

A survey of the attitudes of faculty members toward parking procedures taken last year shows strong opposition to the concept of "open parking."

Last year, a student-faculty controversy arose over whether all parking lots on campus should be open to student parking. While the dispute was finally settled by a continuation of the previous policy of selected student lots, a survey of faculty members conducted at the time revealed overwhelming hostility to the "open parking" policy proposed by some students.

In responses to the survey question "There should be a totally open parking system implemented at BCC," 76 faculty members were opposed while only 5 were in favor.

On the other hand, faculty sentiment was divided over the question of parking fines. The following is a sample of the responses to the section of the survey on fines:

"The traffic fine should be $1.00 per ticket." Forty-one support, 30 oppose.

"The traffic ticket should be $5.00 per ticket." Sixteen support, 51 oppose.

"Students not paying their fines should be suspended from classes." Thirty-one support, 44 oppose.

"Students with outstanding fines at the end of a term should not be allowed to register for the next term." Sixty support, 17 oppose.

"Faculty members who have outstanding fines should have the amount of the fine deducted from their final paycheck. Forty support, 35 oppose."

The vast majority of the faculty (68 of the 78 responding) favored the current 20 mph speed limit. Surprisingly, 8 faculty opposed setting up special parking arrangements for the disabled in each parking lot.

A resolution on parking which would have opened all parking lots except lots A, D, and L was defeated in last year's governance system. The governance system finally recommended open parking with the exception of parking lot D after 3:00 p.m. on campus, with the present system to continue during the rest of the day. President Smith did not respond to the proposal, however, and at present there has been no action on it.

USG Revision Proceding Well: Soon to Be Complete

by Douglas Kosty
FULCRUM Staff Writer

"The United Student Government's (USG) Revision Committee and Constitution Revision Committee have recently merged," according to USG Parliamentarian Lorenz Firsching.

A result of this action is that Firsching, who is chairman of the Revision Committee, is now working together with USG Vice-President Jude Adjaye, who is the chairman of the Constitution Revision Committee. "The plans for USG revision are progressing well," said Firsching in a recent interview with the FULCRUM.

Firsching continued, "The substructure of the original model has been modified to incorporate a media board (encompassing campus communications). The reasons for this are:

(1) Budgetary reasons; the three publications currently on campus (Citadel, Literary Magazine, FULCRUM) have a total budget of $28,000 dollars. We thought it would be easier to deal with their budgets separately.

(2) We felt that the FULCRUM and Citadel both perform unique functions and operate differently from any other club on campus."

At this point in time, Firsching told the FULCRUM that the committee is "working on the final part of revision, the legislative branch. We hope to have the final report for the USG in a short period of time. At a recent USG meeting, BCC President Sigmund Smith expressed doubts and concerns about USG incorporation. "At this time, I don't see any difficulties arising from this in USG revision," said Firsching.

"I have been discussing revision with other members of the USG and their suggestions have been very helpful," stated Firsching. "Our committee hopes to achieve a student government which will function effectively in the crucial decade ahead for education," Firsching commented.

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If the present rate of consumption is maintained for the next 100 years, the world will be out of copper, gold, lead, mercury, molybdenum, platinum, silver, tin, tungsten, and zinc. If consumption rates increase, as they have since 1960, it will only take 50 years to use up these metals plus aluminum, cobalt, manganese, and nickel.

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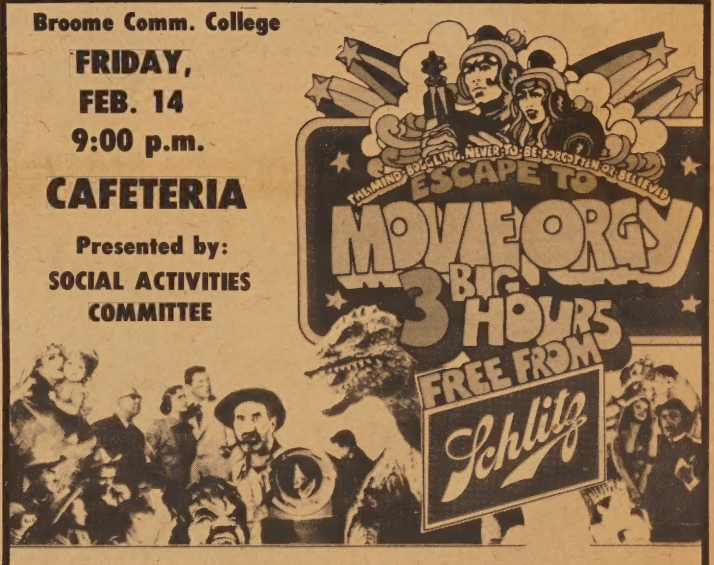

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Sonko Sees Downfall of Capitalism

by Lorenz Firsching
FULCRUM News Editor

"It is inevitable America will become a socialist country."

Those words might have been spoken by Karl Marx in the 1870's. Instead, they were spoken by Momdou Sanko in the 1970's.

Sonko, an exchange student from Gambia, leveled some strong criticism at American society. "America is too materialistic," Sonko declared. "Everyone should work for the collective good of the people," he asserted.

Sonko said the downfall of capitalism throughout the world is only a matter of time. He pointed to the economic troubles of America and Great Britain as an indication of the failure of capitalism to meet the problems of today's world.

The "end of imperialism" is one factor accelerating the decline of capitalism, Sonko said. The loss of colonial markets means that capitalist countries are being restricted to trade amongst themselves and to internal markets, he added. Sonko also quoted Lenin as saying that imperialism is "the highest state of capitalism."

Sonko described Gambia's "Democratis Socialism." In Gambia, public utilities such as electricity and railroads are under government control; health care is socialized as is education he said. "American is moving toward such a system," Sonko commented. "Its better if everyghing is under government control."

Sonko's intensity in discussing economics and politics appears to be a startling change to those who know him only as the "fooseball hustler" of the Union. Sonko plans a career in Gambian politics; he already has some strong views on the course his country should follow in economics and foreign policy.

"Socialism is a collective good for the masses of people," Sonko told this reporter. "Everyone works for the collective welfare of the people."

Sonko contrasted socialism with American capitalism. "in America 3 to 5 percent of the people control the means of production; they do this for their own self-interest, for profit. This is senseless accumulation of capital. Eventually the working people will rise up and take over the economic system, Sonko said.

Sonko is a firm believer in Marxism. "Marxism is realistic, especially for the third world," he declared. Sonko sees socialism as the next logical step in economic evolution. After socialism will come communism.

And after that: "After communism will come the ideal state," Sonko said. "There will be no government; everyone will know what is best for them." How does Sonko propose to achieve such a state, he was asked.

Sonko agrees with behavioral psychologists such as B.F. Skinner on this point. "Society can be changed to condition man to produce a better world," he said. Sonko feels a basic change in the attitude of American society is necessary for the United States to progress. "Socialism is the natural state of man," Sonko said. "Competition is not part of human nature. Competition arises out of social conditions."

Sonko is also an admirer of Plato. He discussed Plato's **Republic** as the ideal system of government in theory. Everyone should do the thing they are best suited to do, Sonko said. Governmental leaders should be chosen by their knowledge of Marxist philosophy" he added. "The state should determine what individuals can do," Sonko added.

Sonko said that current economic problems in the Western world have many causes. However, at the root of all these problems is the fact that capitalism is "bankrupt." Sonko declared.

"Capitalism is a rip-off," Sonko asserted. "America has to change to socialism. Capitalism will not work."

How long will it be before America becomes a socialist country? "America will be a socialist country in 25 years," Sonko said. "Many people, especially the young, are frustrated over the present system. These young people will become the leaders of tomorrow."

Sonko felt that Arab countries were justified in raising oil prices and imposing embargoes on the Western countries. "The value of something is based on its possible substitutes, Sonko said. "There is no substitute for oil, or its substitutes cost too much."

On the other hand, America would not be justified in invading Arab lands in order to seize oil fields, Sonko declared. "The US cannot take oil by force; they will not gain anything. The US cannot win against the Arabs," Sanko added, pointing to the fact that "the US could not win against North Vietnam either."

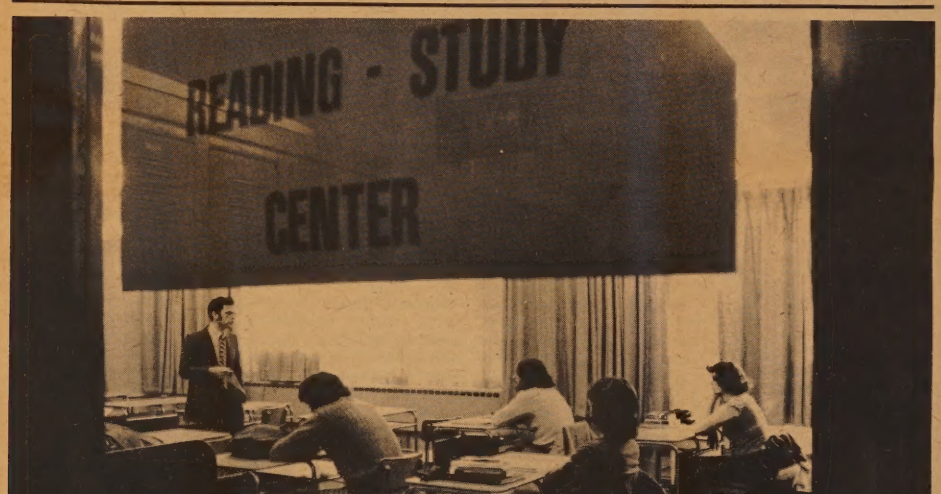
Momodou Sonko, who advocates Marxist theory of economics.

Sonko feels that Arab states have learned from America and other Western nations. "The Arabs have become conscious of their power," he remarked. "They have become the perfect capitalists."

International policy should be based on the interests of the nations involved, Sonko declared. "The United Nations (UN) is garbage—little countries can go there and express their opinions, but the UN can't do anything. Countries will not defend each other . . . These are the realities of international politics," Sonko commented.

Sonko seems to be very concerned with "realities," whether in economics, politics, or foreign affairs. After he graduates this spring, Sonko will be an alumni for BCC to keep its eye on.

After all, what other community college can claim to have produced the next president of Gambia?



Carl Taylor instructs students in Reading and Study Skills Center.

Students Improve Reading Abilities

by Colleen Dougherty
FULCRUM Staff Writer

In a previous FULCRUM article, it was noted that the reading and study skills of a large number of students attending New York State community colleges did not meet minimum requirements for entrance.

Although rated one of the top community colleges in the state, and attended by many high quality students, Broome is not immune from this problem. Several professors interviewed concerning the reading level of students here at Broome made these comments: "My students have a difficult time keeping up with the amount of reading I require of them," said one English instructor. "This problem is most notable on the Freshman level." Another commented, "In general, I would say the students attending Broome have not been adequately trained for college level reading. Some are currently reading at high school and even, occasionally, grade school level."

The solution? Rather than complaining passively about its students' dilemma, Broome has taken the necessary steps to remedy the situation. Carl Taylor, director of the Reading and Study Skills department at Broome, is quite enthusiastic about the successes resulting from his department's expanding reading program. The program consists both of effective reading (for those students who wish to expand their comprehension and vocabulary skills), and speed reading (for those who wish to increase their reading rate). Entrance into the program is unrestricted and access to all available materials is free.

Before any student undergoes the reading development program, he is pre-tested to evaluate his present reading rate, and to estimate his reading potential. This is done by a series of tests, including The Nelson-Denny Reading Test, and eyemovement tests recorded by a Reading Eye Camera. The Reading Eye Camera can record the student's eye fixations (the number of times his eyes stop while reading), regressions (fixations made in a reverse-right to left-direction.), span of recognition (average number of words or word parts taken in every time the eyes stop), and rate with comprehension (number of words read per minute with understanding). By using the machine, Taylor is able to pinpoint faults in a reader's technique and thereby take the necessary steps to correct these faults.

Taylor uses both a tachistoscope and a controlled reader in his reading development program. The controlled reader keeps the eyes moving at a specific rate and in a specific direction. The tachistoscope, combined with film strips, flashes words and numbers on a board forcing the student to comprehend the material in a given length of time. Taylor also advises that his students read a minimum of three hours per week to improve their efficiency and rate.

The Reading and Study Skills center is located in the Wales Building. Taylor's office is room W-206 and is open to all students who may be experiencing reading problems.

Certificate Program Offered At BCC

Broome Community College has launched a series of "certificate" programs in engineering technology to enable high school graduates to add to their preparation in these specializations.

This added preparation can be to improve the extent of one's marketable skills, if seeking employment. Or it can be to help bolster the student's academic background to qualify him or her for admission into a degree-granting curriculum at the college.

Applications are now being accepted for admission in the fall.

"Two types of students should find this certificate program especially appealing," said Dr. Joseph Peone, dean of the BCC science and Engineering Technology Division.

"One is the person who graduated from high school with a trade-oriented education, and the other is the student who was not interested in continuing to study for a college degree when selecting courses in high school."

The areas of study in which such a student could specialize through this certificate program are chemical technology, civil technology, electrical technology and mechanical technology, Dr. Peone noted.

One can enroll at BCC as a full-time or part-time student in a certificate offering. The length of time necessary to complete the work for the certificate would depend on how many courses one took. Programs vary in length from 15 to 32 college credits.

Among the general courses offered to improve one's academic background are English, chemistry, mathematics, physics, reading skills and study skills. To help strengthen one's skills for employment purposes, the college offers such courses as manufacturing processes, surveying, electrical construction, chemistry, drafting and design.

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NEA Charges Arrests Caused Deaths

BATON ROUGE, La.—The National Education Association has charged that the arrests of student leaders during demonstrations Nov. 16, 1972 at Southern University were responsible for the subsequent deaths of two students.

"All evidence points to the conclusion that the untimely and extraordinary arrests robbed the demonstrations of much of their effective student leadership . . . and were the immediate cause of the confrontation that ended in death on the morning of Nov. 16," the NEA concludes.

The NEA's findings are contained in a 62-page report summarizing the organization's six-month investigation of the violence at Southern.

The decision by university officials to initiate action which led to the arrest of student protest leaders and the firing of two teachers stems from a tradition of authoritarian control and exemplifies the nature of Southern's deeply rooted problems, according to the NEA report.

In making the report public, NEA President Dr. Helen D. Wise described the problems at Southern, outlines recommendations for changes at the university, and indicated how the NEA can help students and teachers bring about change on the campus.

The NEA report points to control the Southern University by an all-white State Board of Education and inadequate financial support as the underlying causes of student unrest on the campus.

The opinion has been expressed by the governor of Louisiana and others that the tragedy at Southern was a controversy where blacks were protesting against blacks.

The NEA report states that although the president and administrative staff at Southern appeared to be the immediate targets of student protest, "much of the substance of that protest involved matters over which the university administration itself has never had control."

The conditions of all-white control and inadequate financing reflect the tradition and the continued reality of institutional racism at Southern, according to the report.

Also, these conditions distinguish the student protest movement at Southern from protests of white students at predominantly white universities.

"For when Southern University students complained about their exclusion from the policy determinations that shape university life, they are speaking to administrators who are themselves excluded from full and effective participation in those determinations at the highest levels," the report says.

"They were speaking to a generation of Southern black educators whose entire life experience has taught them that subtle diplomacy, accommodation, and at least outward deference to a white power structure are the key components, not only of the advancement of black education, but of its very survival," the report adds.

The report changes that historically the all-white State board of Education has operated Louisiana's black colleges on an "irreducible minimum of tax support."

This system of financing, according to the NEA eport, resulted in the setting of rigid limitations on career choices available to blacks and forced black liberal arts graduates into post office and insurance collecting jos.

All-white control and resultant poor financing has "imposed on the black college student a sterile, conformist educational experience" and does little more than "educate him for 'good citizenship' in a society that, in reality, excluded him from full citizenship," the report states.

In another part of the report, the NEA charges that students have no adequate machinery for the resolution of grievances and are provided no right of due process in the student disciplinary procedures at Southern.

Also, the NEA concluded that the teacher termination provisions governing Southern University "leave the faculty member utterly defenseless against arbitrary dismissals."

In order to correct the serious problems that have existed at Southern for many years, the NEA report contains specific recommendations for change.

On the problem of all-white control and underfinancing of Southern University, the NEA recommends:

1. That the Louisiana constitutional convention or Legislature, or both, enact measures that will guarantee proportionate black representation on each of the state educational governing bodies to be created by the constitutional convention.

2. That Southern University students, in cooperation with faculty, administration, and alumni, commit themselves to vigorous and sustained political action in order to—

a. Encourage registration and voting for black candidates to both state and local office.

b. Influence the Louisiana Legislature to finance the state's predominantly black university and college at a level that will provide for the compensatory needs of these institutions and enable them to achieve a position of academic excellence.

3. That the Louisiana Legislature reorder its priorities for financing higher education and move promptly to ensure an equitable distribution of funds to all of the state's public colleges and universities, giving fairly balanced consideration to the particular budgetary needs of each of these institutions.

In order to give Southern proper leadership, the NEA recommends:

1. That the Louisiana State board of Education promptly implement plans for student and faculty participation in the development of standards and the search for a University president of demonstrated scholarship, political sophistication, and vigorous commitment to serving the legitimate educational and social needs of black university students.

2. That the new president, once employed, be given the freedom to restructure a strong administrative staff—one that is capable of communicating with the effectively involving students, faculty, and the surrounding black community in the decisions that influence the quality of University life and have profound impact on the life of the community.

In the area of student grievances, the NEA recommends:

1. That a University-wide task force be established, containing one elected student representative for each faculty-administrative member, to accomplish the following tasks:

a. To evaluate all current grievance-handling student-faculty - administrative committees and councils, including the department councils, to determine whether each has a specific, realizable purpose and whether there are overlap and confusion of function among the various groups.

b. To develop a proposal that coordinates and precisely defines the function and authority of each grievance - resolving committee or council recommended for retention, that proposal to be submitted to the student body for ratification and to the administration for final approval.

c. Upon approval of the proposal, to assign the Student Handbook Committee (or form a new committee) to revise the handbook to provide a concise delineation of all University channels for grievance resolution, with clear-cut directions concerning how and when the students can make most effective use of these channels.

On the matter of due process and student discipline, the NEA recommends:

1. That Act 59 (concerning student expulsion and staff dismissal) be repealed.

2. That the University establish a committee or task force, with as many students (elected from each college) as faculty and administrative members, to carry out the following tasks:

a. Develop rules and procedures that clearly spell out the student's right to due process in any disciplinary matter that may result in warning, probation, suspension, or expulsion.

b. Disseminate these rules and procedures (through special bulletins and the student handbook) to all members of the University community.

3. That the University consider providing a means whereby accused students may have access to legal counsel or knowledgeable faculty member representation in any disciplinary procedure involving alleged major infractions.

On faculty termination procedures, the NEA recommends:

1. That the University establish a faculty-administrative committee, with faculty members elected by the Faculty Senate, to

a. Formulate a faculty termination procedure that will secure the rights of constitutional due process to all faculty members—tenured and nontenured—including the right to a pretermination hearing by a neutral third party.

b. Disseminate the faculty termination procedure (through special bulletins and the faculty handbook) to all members of the University community.

On faculty evaluation and selection, the NEA recommends:

1. That the University establish student-faculty-administrative committees, with membership drawn perhaps from the already established department councils, to—

a. Re-examine the current system for student evaluation of faculty and revise the system as necessary to ensure the following (1) that the criteria for such evaluations are academically and psychologically valid; (2) that there are guidelines for use of the evaluations to protect their confidentiality and safeguard against their punitive application against teachers; and (3) that the evaluation instruments are capable of eliciting precise and meaningful student response.

b. Develop criteria for candidates to faculty positions and establish procedures whereby students, as well as faculty members, can be involved in initial interviews, with equal vote on preferred candidates to be submitted as recommendations to the appropriate administrators.

c. Develop criteria for employment of administrators who have extensive student contact, such as deans of men and women, dean of student affairs, and registrar.

d. Submit all of these recommended procedures and criteria for final approval of the University president and, if legally required, to the state education authority; and upon approval, communicate them to all members of the University community.

On the need for a black studies program to be included in the university's regular curriculum, the NEA recommends:

1. That the University administration assign top priority (including budgetary priority) to an ongoing program of student-faculty - administration discussion and debate on the development of a comprehensive black studies program, with a final objective of appointing smaller student-faculty-administrative teams to draw up specific program plans for step-by-step implementation.

2. That the University administration carry on, and expand as funds permit, the recently initiated human relations program in order to provide training in interpersonal skills, problem-solving, and communication to teams of students, faculty members, and administrators.

Speaking for the NEA on the question of its continued commitment to its student and teacher members at Southern University, Dr. Wise said every effort will be made to make sure the NEA's recommendations are implemented.

Dr. Wise said staff assistance in the areas of political organizing, legal counseling, public relations, and others are available upon request through the NEA's state affiliate, the Louisiana Education Association.

Members of the NEA investigating team included H. Jesse Arnelle, chairman, member of the board of trustees at The Pennsylvania State University; Mary Burger, Ford Foundation Fellow in Ethnic Studies at Washington University in St. Louis; Thomas D. Creighton, president of Student National Education Associaton; Elaine W. Marks, NEA director from South Caroline; and Robert Threatt, professor of education at Fort Valley (Georgia) State College.

Buckley Bill Opens Files

Just before adjournment Congress passed the revised changes in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy legislation, or "Buckley amendment." The revisions and clarifications, co-sponsored by Senators James Buckley (N.Y.) and Claiborne Pell (R.I.), were included in S.J. Res. 40, a bill authorizing a White House conference on Library and Information Science. Although the Administration had opposed the White House Conference authorization, the President signed the measure (P.L. 93-568) on December 30, 1974. The Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) responded quickly to the President's action by publishing the proposed regulations in the January 6, 1975 **Federal Register.** The rules are intended to protect the rights of parents and students as they relate to student records on file at colleges and universities that receive federal funds. Secretary of HEW Caspar W. Weinberger said that a 60-day period for public comment on the proposed rules rather than the 30 days usually allotted was scheduled "due to the public interest that has been expressed.

The regulations include publication of the privacy law. According to the HEW summar, education institutions must provide parents of students "access to official records directly related to the students and an opportunity for a hearing to challenge such records on the grounds they are in accurate, misleading or otherwise inappropriate; that institutions must obtain the written consent of parents before releasing personally identifiable data about students from records to other than a specified list of exceptions; that parents and students must be notified of these rights; that these rights transfer to students at certain points; and that an office and review board must be established in HEW to investigate and adjudicate violations and complaints of this section."

The statute further directs the Secretary of HEW to establish rules to protect the privacy of students and their families with respect to certain data-gathering activities. These rules, Secretary Weinberger said, will be published at a later date.

Briefly, the proposed rules state that:

+ – no federal funds will be made available to any education institution under any applicable program if the institution prevents parents of students the right to inspect and review the education records of their children;

+ – students may not have access to the financial records of parents, and if a student is a dependent, information may be given to his parents without the student's consent;

+ – confidential letters and statements of recommendations submitted under a pledge of confidence before January 1, 1975 may not be shown to students, and a student may be allowed, although not requested, to waive his right of access to such information received after that date;

+ – eligible students and their parents will have the right of a hearing or informal meetings to contest the content of files;

+ – notice must be provided at least annually to eligible students and parents about the types of records maintained by the institution, and the cost, if any, for reproducing copies of records;

+ – education institutions may release information from their records to appropriate individuals in emergencies, if the information is required to protect the health or safety of the student or other persons;

+ – federal, state, and educational research officials may have access to student records for audits of federal or state programs and to develop predictive tests or student aid programs, but personally identifiable information on students must then be destroyed;

+ – institutions must keep a written record of who has requested and obtained access to a student's records.

The new regulations were published in the **Federal Register** on January 6, 1975. Inquiries about the law should be addressed to: Thomas S. McFee, Room 6550, HEW, 330 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20201 (telephone 202-245-7488). Written comments on the regulations may be sent to the School Records Task Force, Room 5660 at the above address. All relevant material received on or before March 7, 1975 will be considered.

Romano, Swift Update Textbooks

Two Broome Community College faculty members had updated versions of textbooks published last month- associated professor of economics Richard Romano and professor of psychology W. Porter Swift.

Dr. Romano's book, which is entitled "Views of Capitalism," was used by more than 100 colleges and universities from coast to coast in its first edition which came out in 1970.

The new edition, which is also co-authored with Melvin Leiman, associate professor of economics at SUNY Binghamton, is at least 50 per cent revised and updated, according to Dr. Romano.

Among the colleges using the first edition were Cornell, Columbia, Dartmouth and Brown in the Ivy League; Ohio State, Chicago and Minnesota in the Midwest; colleges in the University of California system and some in the State University of New York; and a number of community colleges including Broome.

Dr. Swift is a co-author of the fifth edition of "Psychology: Human Relations and Motivation." About 25,000 copies have sold yearly in the previous editions, according to Dr. Swift, mostly in business schools and for business courses at the college and high school level. The book deals with the various applications of psychology in business and industry.

Dr. Swift contributed five new chapters to the fifth edition, as well as doing a considerable amount of the editing to determine what should be retained and what changed from the previous edition.

The book was originally written by Donald Laird of the Colgate faculty, and he was assisted by his wife in later editions.

Upon Dr. Laird's death and his wife's retirement from the publishing field, Dr. Swift and Ruth Fruehling were brought in to update the volume for its fifth edition.

The book is published by the Gregg Division of the McGraw-Hill Book Co., and the Romano-Leiman book "Views on Capitalism" is distributed by the Glencoe Press, which is a division of Macmillan Publishing Co.

Dr. Richard Romano, Chairman, Social Sciences Dept.

BCC Hosts Workshop For Area Counselors

Thirty two guidance counselors from area high schools attended a special financial aid workshop at Broome Community College February 4 to be brought up to date on the latest information on the subject. Three members of Talent Search also participated.

The workshop was conducted at this time, "because this is the key time of the year for high school seniors to apply for financial aid at the colleges they plan to attend in the fall," said Mrs. Connie Segreto, director of financial aid at BCC.

The workshop covered the major sources of financial aid for students at any college—"and not just at Broome Community College," Mrs. Segreto said.

Need is the basis for financial aid, whether from Federal or state government sources or from various college foundations, she stressed.

"That's why the Parents Confidential Statement (PCS) is the basic document for parents of all students seeking aid," Mrs. Segreto noted. "The PCS is used by most colleges to analyze financial need and it is the basis for determining eligibility for financial aid."

The workshop covered the grants, loans and part-time employment opportunities available to college students. Among these are Basic Educational Opportunity Grants (BEOG), Supplemental Education Opportunity Grants (SEOG), the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) and Scholar Incentive Awards, all of which are grants that do not have to be repaid.

Also such loans as the National Direct Student Loan, the New York Higher Education Assistance Corporation Loan, as well as the Federal Government's work-study program for part-time employment for college students.

Nursing loans and grants were also included, and the point was made, too, that many colleges have their own foundations that dispense financial aid.

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State To Give Student Loans

Albany, N.Y.—The New York Higher Education Assistance Corporation (NYHEAC) anticipates the best year in its history with more than $171.6 million dollars in student loans expected to be written in conjunction with New York financial institutions before the fiscal year ends on March 31, 1975.

NYHEAC President J. Wilmer Mirandon stated that the surprising rate of student borrowings provided by banks in a tight money market indicates that dollar value will exceed the prior peak of $167,419,745 set in the 1972 fiscal year.

Third quarter summaries at NYHEAC report 35,055 student loans worth $47,771,561 were written, bringing the nine-month total to 110,517 student loans valued at $152,354,355.

"It would appear that the Corporation will not receive requests for as many individual loans as it did in the 1972 high when 153,283 were processed. In view of new State grants, including the Tuition Assistance Program, we believe this year's total will be close to 127,000, including 64,000 first-time loans. However, the average anticipated loan amount for this fiscal year will be $1,315 compared to $1,252 in 1974," Mirandon stated.

The NYHEAC Chief Executive pointed out that by counselling students directly and working out reasonable arrangements the Corporation has been able to avert 55 percent of default claims received and to return the loans to the lenders for completion of repayments. The purchase of defaulted loans by NYHEAC is down 7 percent or lower by one million dollars, in comparison with a similar period in the peak default fiscal year of 1974, and default dollars are running 6.5 percent of all matured loan dollars.

He said, "Defaults are not losses but delinquencies subject to reasonable workout over a period of time. The vast majority of student borrowers are taking care of their obligations. Even those in default are paying the Corporation more than $300,000 a month, which is twice as much as previously."

He indicated there was a surge of activity in student loans at the beginning of the fiscal year when the Federal Government removed the necessity for a needs test of applicants coming from homes where the adjusted family income was $15,000 or less.

"Although we advocate that students seek loans only after all other scholarship and tuition awards are exhausted, it would appear that increased loan activity may be caused primarily by inflated costs and a reduction in the family contribution a student can expect. There is also an increasing realization by students as to the longterm advantages of low-interest loans that permit the average borrower to make monthly repayments of about $45 and repayments can be extended for as long as 10 years," Mirandon said.

Under Federal regulations, students coming from homes where the income is $15,000 or less after making certain standard adjustments may obtain the loans which are interest-free until they complete college. Then the loan repayment is based on a 7 percent interest.

For students coming from families whose adjusted income is between $15,000 and $30,000, the State now pays four-seventh's interest on the standard 7 percent loan with the student paying 3 percent from the time the loan is authorized. After the student graduates, the loan plus the 7 percent interest is paid by the student. There are more than 11,000 student borrowers in this growing category.

NYHEAC was organized in 1958, and it has guaranteed to 704,389 New York students - one out of every five nationally in program - loans valued at $1.42 billion. Approximately $489 million dollars has been repaid by students with a similar amount now in the process of repayment. Students still in college hold the remaining $442 million dollars in loans. To date each loan has cost the State about $67 including all administrative expenses, all default losses and interest subsidies without considering the fact that the program attracts more than $40 million in annual Federal

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Attitudes of College Freshmen Revealed in Recent Study

Over 55 per cent of this year's college freshmen described themselves as "middle - of - the - road" politically.

This one finding of a survey conducted by the **Chronicle of Higher Education** on the attitudes of the freshman class of 1975.

In the area of students political views, the survey found only 2.2 per cent of this year's freshmen describe themselves as being to the "far left" of the political spectrum, 28 per cent are liberal, 13.9 per cent conservative, and 0.8 per cent are to the "far right."

Students of private colleges appear to be more conservative than those of public colleges. While 13.0 per cent of public college's freshmen are politically conservative, over 15 per cent of private college freshmen describe themselves as right of center, at two year schools, with corresponding percentages at four year colleges.

The objectives students consider essential or very important in their lives appear to be career oriented in this year's freshmen class. Among the leading objectives were the following:

"Becoming an authority in his field—62.2 per cent

Helping others who are in difficulty—61.3 per cent

Developing a philosophy of life—61.1 per cent

Raising a family—55.0 per cent

Becoming successful in his own business—37.9 per cent

Being very well-off financially—45.8 per cent

Obtaining recognition from colleagues—39.0 per cent"

Among the objectives students gave low ratings to are the following:

"Keeping up with political affairs—36.6 per cent

Participating in community action programs—27.5 per cent

Helping clean up environment—25.9 per cent

Influencing the political structure—12.5 per cent

Having administrative responsibility—25.6 per cent

Influencing social values—27.2 per cent

Achieving in a performing art—11.4 per cent"

Among the suggestions in the survey that students strongly agreed with were the following:

"Women should have job equality—91.5 per cent

Federal government isn't controlling pollution—82.6 per cent

Government should give more grants—81.6 per cent

Standards for degrees should be all the same—77.3 per cent

Wealthy should pay larger share of taxes—75.5 per cent

Federal government isn't protecting consumer—75.1 per cent

Students should help evaluate faculty—73.7 per cent

Students were indifferent to some issues, as illustrated by the low percentages saying they strongly agreed with the following suggestions:

"College grades should be abolished—29.3 per cent

Organized college sports should be de-emphasized—28.5 per cent

People should be paid equally—28.4 per cent

Colleges should regulate student publications—32.7 per cent

College has right to ban speakers—22.6 per cent"

On the issues of pollution, consumer protection, and women's job equality women expressed more concern than men.. Women tended to define themselves as Middle-of-the-road politically in larger percentages than men.

On the other hand, more freshmen men than women identified themselves as liberal politically, and more men also opted for the conservative label than women.

In general, public college students were found to be more conservative than students in private schools. This was borne out in political views as well as questions on key issues facing college students.

Freshmen of predominantly black colleges were generally more liberal in their political outlook than the average. The number of black students expressing concern with being well-off financially was almost half again as large as the average response. Blacks also showed more concern with influencing political and social values.

EDITORIALS

Snowed

The time of year when bad weather wreaks havoc on driving patterns is upon us once again, and with its arrival rises the problem of a BCC snow day policy. The present snow day policy, as it is phrased, amounts to no policy; this school does not close for bad weather.

Broome Community College, being a commuter campus, needs a positive policy to close the school in the event of bad weather. Unlike other campuses, on which students live in dormitories, students here are put in immediate danger when forced to drive in hazardous conditions.

The administration has argued that a viable snow day policy has not been presented to it to replace the one now in use. They argue that there are no provisions for making up lost class time due to a possible closing of school. Well, we have a policy which we feel can adequately replace the present one.

When semester scheduling is done, we suggest that 3 or 4 extra days be included for class days. Should the school be forced to close due to inclement weather, the extra days needed to make up lost class time are there. If the weather is good enough to avoid closing down at all in the course of a winter, these extra days could be eliminated, and exams could be held that much sooner.

An added bonus to the scheduling of additional days is the use of these days for special progaams, should the occasion ever arise. For example, if a group of prominent people should come to the area and wish to speak to or perform for BCC students, one of these days could be used. The students would benefit by participating in such a program, and no class time would be lost.

A new snow day policy is needed. Driving in slippery winter conditions is simply too risky a chance to take.

On Basketball

Last week, we received a telephone call from a former BCC basketball player. He was disturbed over a column written by Sun-Bulletin sports writer Jay Lovinger, in which Lovinger stated that one of the reasons for poor attendance at this year's games was the existence of a "vocal anti-basketball element" on campus. Lovinger also accused this paper of knocking the basketball program for years.

It is true that years ago this paper was anti-basketball. In fact, a boycott of Hornet games was called for. But, that was years ago. The former player called to ask if Lovinger's statement was true, and it indeed isn't. Our coverage of Dick Baldwin's cagers this year as well as last has been anything but anti-basketball.

As for the existence of a "vocal element" opposed to the basketball program, we have one question. Where is it? We haven't seen such a group in the last two years at least.

The reasons for poor attendance at this year's basketball games are numerous. Some mentioned by Lovinger include the mediocre won-loss record of this year's team, the local competition from the Broome Dusters, and the heavy use of out-of-town players. But some of the reasons for the bad showing by BCC students were left unmentioned, and we feel that they are just as important. One is the problem surrounding gasoline. High prices and low supply combine to discourage the commuter student from making extra trips to the BCC campus. Another reason is that competition for grades is keen, causing many students to stay home and study. A third is that, due to the poor economic conditions prevailing now, many students must work to finance their educations. Thus, time for recreational enjoyment is cut down drastically.

It is ridiculous to accuse BCC students of being anti-basketball, particularly when there is no proof.

Governance

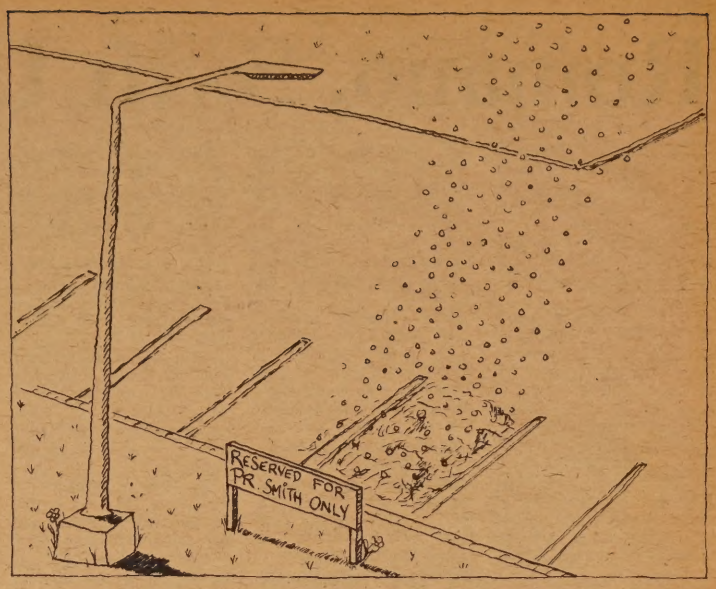
It appears that the latest in a series of governance models suggested by Assistant to the Dean of Liberal Arts Doug Garner will win approval from students, faculty, and administration shortly.

This model, which consists of one, 15 member body, is the best that has been put forward yet for campus governance. Garner's new model corrects the major flaws of last year's governance system—the new model is simple, unicameral, gives equal representation to faculty and students, and eliminates the complex, layered system of policy making of last year's system.

We hope that the new model might also help to correct a flaw in its participants that was evident last year. President Smith must realize that it is part of his duty as president to respond to suggestions of the governance system. There will be instances in which he must reject the recommendations of the governance body—in such cases, if he gives a detailed explanation of his actions, Smith will help avoid a repetition of the confusion, frustration, and anger of students and faculty that occured last year, and in the fall term of this year.

On the other hand, we hope both students and faculty realize the heavy burden of legal responsibility that President Smith and the Board of Trustees assume in the operation of the college. While the governance system can properly demand the response of the president to their recommendations, they must assure that he has both adequate time to respond, and input in the governance process.

Governance should be an avenue to unite the various factions on campus—faculty, administration, and students. Unfortunately, in the past the governance system was used instead as a battleground between all involved. If the newly proposed model corrects this situation, it will be a resounding success.



The Day They'll Change the Campus Snow Policy . . .

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YES NO NO OPINION

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YES NO NOT SURE

4. Has the student government here represented the wishes and beliefs of the students of BCC?

YES NO NO OPINION

5. Are you satisfied with the leadership of USG's offices?

YES NO NO OPINION

If there is a campus-related issue which you would like to see discussed in a future OPINION POLL, please let us know about it.

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Observation Point

by KARL SVATEK
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No one likes to drive today what with high prices for cars and gasoline, and the fuel's scarcity. The drive to this campus gets more and more unpleasant every day.

With the automobile industry in such a bad state, it seems that now is the ideal time for the major car makers to start mass production of public transportation vehicles and electric cars. Such action would produce many benefits, including the return of thousands of jobs to layed-off workers.

Here in Broome County, a reliable, well-run transit system would benefit both users and operators. If the trips to the BCC campus alone were frequent, rapid and low cost, most of the students would ride the buses and leave their cars home. The rest of the routes in Broome County would be equally profitable, undoubtedly.

The first step necessary in developing a well-oiled mass transit system would be the acquisition of a large fleet of mini-buses. As Broome Transit is now structured, most people must make an extra effort to catch a bus, as the bus stops are few and far between. Mini-buses would make it possible for the bus system to make many stops all over the county, not just on a few heavily-traveled streets. Such a move would make it convenient to use the public transportation system rather than a pain in the posterior.

But buses are only a part of what public transportation requires. America desperately needs a revitalized railroad system to enable its citizens to take long trips inexpensively. The approval of the Rail Preservation Bond Act by New York voters last November is an encouraging beginning, but only a beginning. No method of transportation ever invented surpasses the train for efficiency, speed, comfort, and pleasure.

Less emphasis must be put on automobiles, particularly those that burn gasoline. Long trips in automobiles are outmoded, things of the past. Cars are used primarily for short trips, to school, to shopping areas, etc.

The ideal replacement for such vehicles is the electric car. Non-polluting, silent, this type of auto is made for the short trip. Today's electric cars have a range of about 50 miles and a top speed of about 35 mph. But, if the major car manufacturers were to put their efforts into the production of electric cars, these figures would most certainly improve.

When we realize that the day of hopping into the gas-guzzling car and going anywhere, mostly nowhere, is over, then we will be able to make a smooth transition to new forms of transportation. The honeymoon is over; it's time to start on a vigorous campaign to revamp our traveling habits.

Poll Shows Students Oppose Snow Policy

Student opinion is overwhelmingly against the "always open" snow day policy, according to the replies to the January 30 FULCRUM poll.

About 88 percent of those replying to question one, "Do you favor the always open snow day policy currently in existence?" were opposed to the policy. Twelve percent of the student replies favored the present snow day policy.

No one responding to question two, "Do you feel snow clearance on campus is adequate?" gave an affirmative answer. About 12 percent of the polls returned indicated "no opinion."

Opinion was more divided on question three, "If campus was closed because of weather conditions, would you object to making up the missed day at a later date?" Fifty-five percent of the students replying said they would object, while 33 percent said they would not object to making up the missed day. Twelve percent had no opinion.

Most students responding said yes to question four, "Have you ever driven to campus in conditions which you consider dangerous?" While 12 percent said no, 88 percent said they had driven to BCC in dangerous road conditions.

Opinion polls may be dropped off at the FULCRUM office or given to any member of the FULCRUM Staff. Students may also have the polls with FULCRUM Advisors Steven Natale or Robert Fitzgerald. A box for collection of the polls will also be set up in the Liberal Arts Office, and in other locations on campus.

Satire:

New Film Is Real 'Disaster'

by Lorenz Firsching
FULCRUM News Editor

First there was **The Poseiden Adventure!** Then **The Towering Inferno!** Then **Earthquake,** and finally Airport 75! Now Firschtek Productions is proud to announce the greatest disaster film ever made:

THE TOWERING EARTHQUAKE ADVENTURE 76!

"Great title L.F."

"Sure dynamite K.S."

"Wait a minute! What is the plot of this movie anyhow?"

L.F. hastened to explain. "You see, the world's tallest skyscraper has been built on the waterfront in New York City . . ."

"Why?"

"Ah . . . well, that doesn't matter. Anyway, the building catches fire. Before they can put it out, an earthquake strikes . . ."

"In New York City?"

"The quake causes the burning building to collapse into the harbor, where it lands on top of the world's most luxurious ocean liner. As the building and ship sink out of sight, an airplane crashes on top of them both. Fantastic!

K.S. added, "We've got some great scenes on film already. For instance, Pope Paul happens to be visiting the UN when the building catches on fire. He tries to put out the blaze by throwing Holy Water on it. But the building was built by a Jewish architect, so it doesn't work."

L.F. jumped in, "We've also worked in human interest stories. For instance, in flashbacks we tell the story of one of the passengers on the plane.

This guy has never made a right choice in his life. His boss offers him the choice of working either in the company's advertising office in Paris or in the tin mines in Brazil. They day after he arrives in Paris, they discover uranium in the tin mines in Brazil. Everyone connected with the mines becomes fabulously rich and the Paris office is closed.

Now he's got to return to the U.S. Should he take a taxi or bus to the airport? He chooses the taxi. Three blocks from his hotel, the taxi has a flat tire; the bus goes by him and he misses his flight.

He finally gets to the airport, and he's got to choose between two flights. He makes his choice, and the other flight is suddenly cancelled. He can't believe it, he's finally made a right choice.

Now he's on the plane. Suddenly the pilot says over the intercom, "Ladies and Gentlemen, we have just lost both wings. Please line up, go to the back of the plane. You'll find compartments with parachutes in them. Put the chutes on and jump out."

Our character is the next to last in line. He opens his compartment—its empty! the last guy in line puts on his chute and jumps out. Now this poor guy is all alone on the plane. He looks to heaven and cries, "God, I've never made a right choice in my life!" Then he calls on his patron saint, St. Francis, to help him.

Suddenly a huge hand comes out of the clouds and grasps the plane. A voice booms from out of the sky: "St. Francis Xavier, or St. Francis of Assissi?"

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"Well how do you like it?"

"It's . . . different. I'll have to admit that it's certainly different."

K.S. said, "but that's not all. You know how O.J. Simpson was in **The Towering Inferno?** Well, we've got, now get this, Muhammad Ali!"

"What part does he play?"

"He plays an elevator operator. When the building catches on fire, he rescues a kid's pet mouse."

"And . . .?"

"And what?" K.S. asks. "That's all he does. We toyed with the idea of having him fight Joe Frazier and George Foreman simultaneously on top of the burning building, but we rejected it. After all, we wanted to keep it realistic."

L.F. exclaimed, "You should see the effects we plan to put in all the theaters where the film is shown. When the building catches fire, all the seats heat up to 500 degrees Fahrenheit. Then when the earthquake hits, the seats all shake. Then the building falls into the harbor and sinks the ship, the entire theater turns upside down. Of course, when the plane hits and explodes, the entire harbor catches fire. They finally put it out by dropping ten billion gallons of water on the whole thing. And in the theaters . . ."

"You're kidding!"

L.F rubbed his hands together. "That's right! We flood the entire theater. Talk about experiencing a film!"

"Amazing. Tell me, do you plan to do any more disaster films?"

K.S. said, "Yes, two more. One will be titled Economy 76 . . ."

"And the other," L.F. added, "Is called Broome Community College . . ."

SAC Wastes Money

by Tony Valenta
FULCRUM Advertising Manager

During the fall semester, I talked with many students who felt cheated by the way the Social Activities Committee (SAC) has run its operations. As a second-year student, I also feel that SAC has not even come near to operations of past years. Something has to be done now, not next year.

Two of the SAC sponsorships are the semi-formals of fall and spring. This past fall it was held in the cafeteria. Even though I attended the fall weekend, I felt uncomfortable for two reasons, the first being that it was held in the cafeteria, the second being that attendance was low compared to previous years, when it was held at the Johnson City pavilion. From what I understand, R. Bruce MacGregor, coordinator of Student Activities, could have rented the Treadway, with a special discount on drinks. But the dance would have had to have been held in October. The SAC refused, and opted for a November date, unfortunately, cost of the area halls were booked up, and SAC ended up holding the semi-formal in the cafeteria.

For holding its dance in the cafeteria, SAC received its reward, a low attendance, and more than likely, the loss of the students' confidence in the SAC.

The mixers during the fall, with the exception of one, I thought were terrible. The head of the mixer committee refused many times to hire local bands, and instead hired bands out of Utica. One such band was Hungry Mother. If anyone ever saw them at The Inferno, he will tell you that the Hungry Mother that played at the Mixer was not the same band that played at The Inferno.

First, the band had brass players. Secondly, the band that played at the mixer had only three of the original members, and had broken up after they were contracted by SAC. And to add insult to injury, the Utica booking agent charged $50 extra for the group to play down here.

We have many good bands in the area, but the mixer chairwoman has called them "Barmitzva bands," Sittin' In, a local band, played at the first mixer, and it was the best held in the fall, while it also attracted the largest crowd, some of the local bands include Jacob's Ladder, Rush, Wizard, and many more.

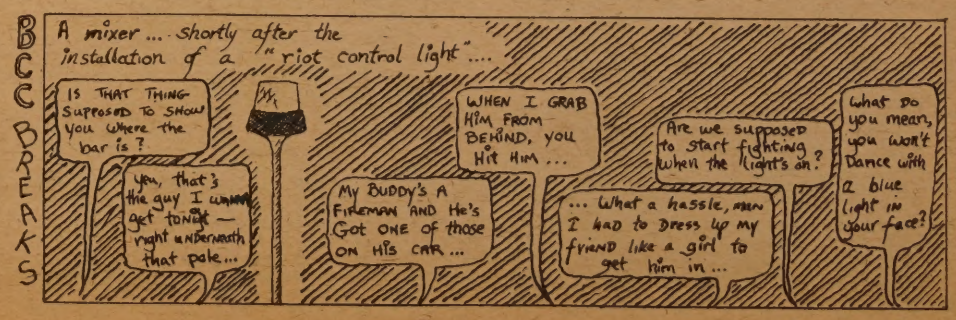
During the winter, I attended a mixer at SUNY-Sittin' In played there, and the crowd really enjoyed their playing. And to top it all off, admission, beer, and food (pretzels and popcorn) were all free.

Anytime I've seen Sittin In, they've always turned the crowd on, and it was no different at Harpur or here, at the first mixer. If a local band can turn on the out-of-town students at Harpur, then the local bands are good enough to play at BCC. I think it is an insult for the mixer chairwoman to call our local bands "barmitzva bands," when they can outplay and outdraw any of her out-of-town bands.

Also during fall weekend, a concert is usually held, as was the case this year. The concert was a blues concert, and it flopped, to say the least. A total of five thousand dollars was wasted, by this I mean that SAC lost $5,000 of student activity fee money. SAC should realize what kind of market this is for concerts, as can be seen by attendance figures at the Arena.

In the last few years here at BCC, musicians and entertainers such as Cheech and Chong, The Four Seasons, Harry Chapin, and Don McLean have sold out BCC concerts. Sure, there are many groups of people who enjoy music such as hard rock, blues, and jazz, but a majority of the people in this area enjoy the popular music.

I hope the Student Activity Committee can reorganize itself before the year is over. It is time to deliver to the students what they expect for their fifty dollars. The students must start putting pressure on SAC to get what they expect, and stop standing back and letting the SAC members satisfy their own tastes.


BCC BREAKS
A mixer... Shortly after the installation of a "riot control light"....
IS THAT THING SUPPOSED TO SHOW YOU WHERE THE BAR IS?
YOU, THAT'S THE GUY I WANNA GET TONIGHT — RIGHT UNDERNEATH THAT PALE...
MY BUDDY'S A FIREMAN AND HE'S GOT ONE OF THOSE ON HIS CAR...
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Arts and Entertainment

Book Review:

Christie Books Entertaining

by Lorenz Firsching
FULCRUM News Editor

Postern of Fate, Agatha Christie (Bantam Books, $1.50)
Murder On The Orient Express, Agatha Christie (Pocket Books, $1.25)

For this issue, two fine Agatha Christie mysteries, one a new book just out in paperback, the other a re-issue of a 40 year old classic. Agatha Christie has been dubbed the "Queen of Crime." She has sold more than 300,000,000 books and been translated into over thirty languages. These novels prove why.

Postern of Fate is an intricate story that is more properly called a mystery, since there are not enough clues provided to allow the reader to solve the puzzle himself. However it is an excellent book, featuring some fine characterizations.

The plot of **Postern of Fate** unfolds slowly. A retired husband and wife espionage team move into a country home, hoping to lead a quiet, peaceful life. Instead, they stumble on a sixty year old murder case, thanks to the clues left by a long since dead youngster. Their search for the meaning of these clues leads them to unravel the mystery of a pre-World War I German spy team, and of a present day murder case as well.

Tommy and Tuppence, the husband and wife, are as enchanting a pair of characters as you are likely to meet in fiction. Together with Mr. Robinson (a fat, yellow man who knows and understands the manipulation of money) and Colonel Picheaway (whose aging exterior hides a razor sharp mind), Tommy and Tuppence follow the twisting trail of a rumor and fact surrounding the old murder to its present day conclusion.

Postern of Fate is a catalogue of children's books, a lesson in child psychology, and a barrelful of hints about what shaped the illustrious career of Agatha Christie, as well as a fine, mystery. **Postern of Fate** was a big bestseller in hardcover, and deservedly so.

Murder On The Orient Express has been re-issued in connection with the new movie of the same title, which stars Albart Finney as Hercule Poirot, Lauren Bacall, Ingrid Bergman, John Geilgud, Sean Connery, and a host of other big name performers.

The setting for **Murder On The Orient Express** is as near perfect for a detective yarn as is possible. The great detective Hercule Poirot is returning from a case in the Middle East. The train he is on becomes stuck in a snow drift in the mountains of the mysterious Balkan region of Eastern Europe. As everyone sleeps (supposedly), a murder is committeed. Cut off from the world, Poirot must solve the crime.

Every character of the novel is well conceived, and all the suspects have something to hide. The evidence is contradictory; the crime appears impossible. Yet through the use of logic, Poirot comes to the bizarre solution of the murder case. Poirot's conclusions are startling; the ending of the novel is brilliant, and totally unexpected. This is Christie at her best. See the movie or buy the book—you'll be royally entertained.

Now, a few words about the literary value of these novels—there is none. These books were written to entertain, not to intellectually stimulate, or to preach anything. Richard Geis, the erstwhile commentator of **Galaxy** and **The Alien Critic**, has a few comments that migh be applicable to this situation (and to certain literature courses at a campus I will not name):

"Literary values" are an intellectual con-game, an elitisto ego-trip . . . Excessive, pretentious, obsessive characterization. Deep, Important Thoughts. Significnace, Symbolism . . . a good critic can find symbol in ANY story or scene . . ."

Writers are prostituting . . . fiction to serve 'literary values' and reap heavy fringe benefits of intellectual elitism and respectability. Fiction should be fun and WOW gripping and entertaining, but more and more it is boring, serious, and egotrippy.

(Interlude: is anyone listening out there? These comments are directed at you. Pay attention, there will be a test later. Now, back to Geis . . .)

"I want action, suspense, danger, life-and-death;

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Pointer Sisters:
From Rags to Riches

Rags to riches, Cinderella stories are a mainstay of Hollywood fantasies, but in the case of the Pointer Sisters, the legend takes on realistic proportions. Born and bred in the slum ghetto of Oakland, California, bone poor, on stage they are totally together professionals.

Long and leggy, stylish with a kind of elan not usually associated with singers, Ruth, Anita, June and Bonnie Pointer prove irrevocably that they are just about the most exciting thing to hit music since Judy came over the rainbow.

They are total non-stop energizers, a source of more natural combustion than any one family is entitled to. They talk all at once and always, gesturing frantically to express their emotions and acting as if all the world's their very personal stage.

"Both Mom and Dad are preachers; though our father's retired now. There's no real conflict between the way we are raised and now; they've backed us in everything we wanted to do. For a while Dad was a little hesitant, he wanted us to stay with typing and key punch operating, but Mama said whatever makes us happy is fine with her."

Like so many other black singers, The Pointer Sisters learned to sing in church, however unlike many of the others, the members of Reverend Pointer's church were something less than entranced with the girls' dynamics.

"The congregation hated when we'd break loose; they only wanted us to sing very proper hymns in a very traditional manner," they explain. "We'd try to do right but every once in a while our own interpretations would break loose."

Ruth, Anita, June, and Bonnie: the Pointer Sisters

Since they state adamantly that making music is what they've always wanted to do, everything happening now is fun. When one reporter asked if they were tired of the entertainment business, all four girls jumped on him at once. Later Bonnie would say, "when he said that about the bubble bursting, I couldn't figure out what he meant. I could just sing all the time." Her sisters added that that's indeed what she often does.

Life was not very good for the four Cinderellas when they first started. At the urging of their first official "manager," the sisters had gathered up all their worldy possessions and headed for Houston to make their fortune. Promised gigs that never materialized, recording sessions that never happened, until one day without a dime to their name, the sisters wired back to San Francisco. Anita now delights in telling the "fairy tale-come-true" which rescued the ladies from their dilemma:

"We wired a guy in San Francisco we were told to contact in case an emergency arose. The mystery man was producer David Rubinson, who had never seen us before."

David wired money for three return tickets to San Francisco and gave them their first session work as backup singers with Cold Blood on their "sisyphus" album, and the Elvin Bishop Group. Elvin loves the sisters and they toured with his band and recorded with Elvin on his "Feel It" album.

Next came national appearances with Dave Mason, including the sisters' first European visit—where they appeared with Mason in London, and most recently their featured performances with Taj Mahal on his latest LP and network television appearance.

As background singers, they recorded with Boz Scaggs, Grace Slick, Tower of Power, Dave Mason, Sylvester and The Hot Band, Esther Phillips, The Hoodoo Rhythm Devils, and Dr. Hook and the Medicine Show—in addition Taj Mahal. But now the Sisters have stepped out on their own, and our fairy tale continues.

Describing the Pointer Sisters' music verbally is impossible and against the natural order of things; calling it 40's type jazz singing with an emphasis on scat does them a disservice, yet neither is it traditional rhythm and blues nor rock n' roll. "We can't describe our music either," they tell you, fishing for descriptive words that won't bite. "It's fun music." Bonnie laughing to herself adds, "that's what we want . . . fun."

Now the four of them, singing together just as they did when they were children in their father's church, have replaced the hymns and gospel tunes with a miraculous variety of music, all touched with their own high style.

The Pointers' album

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Quiz Tests Your SFIQ

by Lorenz Firsching
FULCRUM News Editor

Science Fiction has boomed in recent years, as many college students, among others, have turned away from senseless mainstream writing to the entertainment and relevance of Science Fiction. Many publishing houses report that S-F sales are growing rapidly. Arthur C. Clarke's award winning **RENDEZVOUS WITH RAMA** was one of the year's ten best selling books in any catagory on college campuses. The following quiz will introduce newcomers to some facts about Science Fiction and will test the memory of the true fan.

1) The so called "Golden Age" of Science Fiction began in 1938 when a young writer became editor of Astounding Magazine. Who was this personality?
a) Hugo Gernsback
b) Russell R. Winterbothom
c) John W. Campbell
d) Frederick Pohl

2) This writer became famous for his very first story, "Lifeline," but his novel **Stranger In A Strange Land** is his best known work.
a) Eric Frank Russell
b) Clifford D. Sinak
c) Robert Shaw
d) Robert A. Heinlein

3) **The Foundation Trilogy**, **The Gods Themselves**, and **The Caves of Steel** are among the works of this bestselling author of fact and fiction.
a) Issac Asimov
b) Larry Niven
c) Arthur Clarke
d) Joanna Russ

4) "Star Trek" was a successful TV series, and one of its scripts, **City On the Edge of Forever**, was voted the best dramatic script of the year by TV writers. Which of these authors wrote **City On the Edge of Forever?"**
a) David Gerrold
b) P.J. Plauger
c) Sonya Doriman
d) Harlan Ellison

5) Roger Zelazney is the award winning author of **This Immortal** and **Lord of Light**. His first published story gained him instant acclaim. What was this story?
a) **A Rose for Ecclesiastes**
b) **Vaster Than Empires, and More Slow**
c) **Tell Me All About Yourself**
d) **I Have No Mouth, And I Must Scream**

6) This author is described as the finest living American fantasist. His works include such chillers as "The Jar" and "The Small Assassins" as well as the widely read **Fahrenheit 451**. Who is this author?
a) Alfred Bester
b) Ray Bradbury
c) Frederick Brown
d) Fritz Leiber

7) Which of these magazines enjoys the largest share of the Science Fiction market?
a) Fantastic
b) Galaxy
c) The Magazine of Fantasy and Science Fiction
d) Analog

8) The first use of robots in fiction was in the famous book **RUR**. Which European author wrote this classic work?
a) Jules Verne
b) Karel Capek
c) Victor Rousseau
d) Stanislaw Lem

9) This National Book Award winning author is famous for such novels as **The Dispossessed** and the brilliant **The Left Hand of Darkness**, as well as the Hugo Award winning short story, "The Ones who Walk Away From Omleas." Who is this superb writer?
a) James Blish
b) John Boyd
c) Ursula K. LeGuin
d) Gene Wolfe

10) John Brunner, author of **The Sheep Look Up**, in 1968 wrote a prophetic novel of the near future whose cover became a well known poster. What was this book?
a) **Stand On Zanzibar**
b) **Commune 2,000**
c) **Patron of the Arts**
d) **The Demolished Man**

11) Many of the most influential thinkers of the 20th century have expressed their ideas in Science Fiction novels. Among these are mathematician William Tenn, philosopher Phillip Wylie, psychologist B.F. Skinner, and social commentator Aldous Huxely. Which of these four wrote **Walden Two?**

12) In 1965 a professional orgnization known as the Science Fiction Writers of Americ (SFWA) was formed. The SFWA presents an award each year to the best novel and short pieces of the previous year (in their opinion). What is the name of this award?
a) The Science Fiction Achievement Award (Hugo)
b) The International Fantasy Award
c) The Nebula Award
d) The Lorenz Firsching Award

Players To Present Classic Drama

by Vicki Bergmann
FULCRUM Staff Writer

The busy Broome Community College Players are at it again. Casting for their new show is complete and all hands are working on the initial stages of production.

The play, to be presented March 21, 22, and 23, is **Tobacco Road** by Jack Kirkland. It is a 1934 tragic-comedy based on a novel by Erskine Caldwell, centering around the impoverished Georgia sharecroppers in post-depression years. Director Angelo Zuccolo, head of the theater department, feels that in our own current economic situation the play yields new significance. "It shows to what depths deprivation can drive people," he says, "it is a play of survival—some survive,some don't."

"Sometimes things become so bad that we must laugh at ourselves," Mr. Zuccolo feels. Either we must "cope or succumb" to life's pressures. The important lesson for today comes from feeling, after you've seen the play, that "we're a little better off than we could be."

Assisting Mr. Zuccolo in directing are Maureen Shiel and Patrick Phinney. Set and lighting design is by G. Scott Corliss. Working on stage construction and other phases of play production are Larry LaRose, Melvina Edwards, Dough Welch, Randy Rudik, Mark Kneidinger, Helen Stecyk and others.

The actors for this production are David May, Debby Downey, Mark Stanley, Maureen Dotzel, Jack Laskowski, John Hosler, Jerry Tagliaferri, Carolyn Jones, Eileen Hitt and Patrick Phinney.

There is a "nucleus of veteran players" in the show but, Zuccolo says, there are a number of new people involved bringing their talents to the show. He terms the students "who have been turned on by the degree of success of the expanded co-curricular program" in the theater department. He feels that the group has evolved into a more "professional" organization.

Zuccolo and his talented crew of students are looking forward to the new play. If past performances are any indication, **Tobacco Road** should be another outstanding success for the Players.

Cast of the BCC Players production of "Tobacco Road." Above, Players director Angelo Zuccolo. Top left, Jack Laskowski, who will portray 'Jeeter'. Others, counter-clockwise from left: David May, Carolyn Jones, Mark Stanley, Jerry Tagliaferri, Eileen Hitt, Patrick Phinney, Debby Downey, John Hosler, and Maureen Dotzel.

ABC to Air Music Awards

Here is a ballot of finalists for "The American Music Awards" which will air on the ABC Television Network, Tuesday, Feb. 18 (8:30-10:00 p.m., EST). Co-hosts for the show in the categories of Country, Pop-Rock and Soul are Roy Clark, Helen Reddy and Sly Stone, respectively. The awards will mark the second time that the American public will participate in the selection of the year's top songs and musical artists for airing on a national television showcase.

These awards will be presented in the areas of Pop-Rock, Country and Soul - with five individual honors in each of those areas: favorite male vocalist, favorite female vocalist, favorite group, favorite album and favorite single. In addition, a distinguished merit award will go to a leading member of the music world in recognition of his or her contribution to the industry.

Eighty-one nominations were made in the 15 areas of Pop, Country, and Soul Music compiled from the year-end charts of Billboard, Cashbox, and Record World magazines and the Pop Chart of Broadcasting magazine. Ballots were mailed to a national sampling, based on geographic location, age, sex, and ethnic origin.

The field was then narrowed to three finalists in each category. The winners will not be known until they are announced on the live telecast. An independent organization tabulated the responses and is keeping the results secret until the telecast.

Pick Your Favorite Stars

POP-ROCK & ROLL MUSIC

Favorite Male Vocalist
+ John Denver
+ Elton John
+ Charlie Rich

Favorite Female Vocalist
+ Olivia Newton-John
+ Helen Reddy
+ Barbra Streisand

Favorite Duo, Group or Chorus
+ Bachman-Turner Overdrive
+ Glayds Knight & the Pips
+ Paul McCartney & Wings

Favorite Single
+ "I Honestly Love You . . . (Olivia Newton-John)
+ "Seasons in the Sun" . . . (Terry Jacks)
+ "The Way We Were" . . . (Barbra Streisand)

Favorite Album
+ "Behind Closed Doors" . . . (Charlie Rich)
+ "Goodbye Yellow Brick Road" . . . (Elton John)
+ "Greatest Hits" . . . (John Denver)

COUNTRY MUSIC

Favorite Male Vocalist
+ Roy Clark
+ Charlie Pride
+ Charlie Rich

Favorite Female Vocalist
+ Loretta Lynn
+ Olivia Newton-John
+ Marie Osmond

Favorite Duo, Group or Chorus
+ Conway Twitty & Loretta Lynn
+ George Jones & Tammy Wynette

Favorite Single
+ "If We Make it Through December" . . . (Merle Haggard)
+ "Mississippi Cotton Pickin' Delta Town" . . . (Charlie Rich)
+ "The Most Beautiful" . . . (Charlie Rich)

Favorite Album
+ "Behind Closed Doors" . . . (Charlie Rich)
+ "Let Me Be There" . . . (Olivia Newton-John)
+ "Very Special Love Songs" . . . (Charlie Rich)

SOUL MUSIC

Favorite Male Vocalist
+ James Brown
+ Barry White
+ Stevie Wonder

Favorite Female Vocalist
+ Roberta Flack
+ Aretha Franklin
+ Diana Ross

Favorite Duo, Group or Chorus
+ Gladys Night & the Pips
+ Stylistics
+ The O'Jays

Favorite Single
+ "The Best Thing That Ever Happened to Me" . . . (Gladys Knight & the Pips)
+ "Feel Like Making Love" . . . (Roberta Flack)
+ "Midnight Train to Georgia" . . . (Gladys Knight & the Pips)

Favorite Album
+ "Imagination" . . . (Gladys Knight & the Pips)
+ "Innervisions" . . . (Stevie Wonder)
+ "Let's Get It On" . . . (Marvin Gaye)

SUAB, Roberson Plan Events

February 13—SUAB: Concert by music department, Casadesus Hall, 1:00 p.m. Free.
13—SUAB: Speaker, Roger Daniels, "Concentration Camps USA, The Incarceration of Japanese Americans" Lecture Hall 14, 5:00 p.m.
13, 14, 15—Sears-Harkness Theater, "Jessy Dixon and the Dixon Singers" 8:15 p.m. all days Admission: $4:00
14—SUAB: Films, "Sherlock Holmes Faces Death" and "Sherlock Holmes and the Spider Woman" Lecture Hall 1, 7:00 and 9:45 p.m., $1.00
14—SUAB: Play, "Oasis" Watters Theater 8:15 p.m. $3.00 public
14, 15—Masonic Temple: Opera, "Rigoletto" 8:00 p.m. $3.00, $5.50, $7.50
15—American Civic Association: Folk Dancing, 2:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. Fee-$2.00 per session, $3.00 for both
16—Masonic Temple: Matinee, "Rigoletto" $3.00, $5.50
17—Harpur: Speaker, Karl D. Braches, "The Hitler Phenomenon: Problems of Interpretation" Lecture Hall 14, 5:00 p.m.
17—Sears-Harkness Theater: Speaker, Robert C. Alberts, "William Bingham, Founder of Binghamton" 8:00 p.m., $1.00 public
19—Harpur: Film, "Viridiana" Lecture Hall 1, 7:00 p.m. $1.00
19—Dickenson Gallery: Tour of William Bingham Exhibition, 8:00 p.m.
20—SUAB: Concert by music department, Watters Theater, 8:15 p.m. Free
20—Bartoo Galleries: Slide Program, "Birds In Our Lives" 12:15 p.m. public $1.00
21, 22, 23, 28—SUAB: Play, "Pathetic Prologue" Studio II 8:15 p.m. Benefit for Satire Defense Fund
21, 22, 23—Masonic Temple: Opera, "Rigoletto" 8:00 p.m. $3.00, $5.50, $7.50
21—Roberson River House: Antiques, "Return of the Shangs" 1:30 p.m., $1.00
21—Sears-Harkness Theater: Concert, Binghamton Youth Symphony, 8:00 p.m.
22—SUAB: Concert, Chamber Music, Watters Theater, 8:15 p.m. $3.00, $2.00, $1.00
22—Sears-Harkness Theater: Film, "The Phantom of the Opera" 8:00 p.m. $1.50 public
23—West Junior High: Concert, Binghamton Symphony Orchestra, guest soloist: Lorin Hollander, 7:30 p.m. $4.00 advance, $4.50 at door
25—Sears-Harkness Theater: Musical, "There's No Business Like Show Business" 8:00 p.m. $1.50 public
26—Jewish Community Center: Speaker, Ali Naftel, veteran of four Israeli wars. For information call 724-2417
26—SUAB: Film, "Les Dames du Bois de Boulogne" and "Harmonica", Lecture Hall 1, 7:00 p.m. and 9:45 p.m., $1.00

ANSWERS TO SCIENCE FICTION QUIZ

1) c) John W. Campbell
2) d) Robert A. Heinlein
3) a) Issac Asimov
4) d) Harlon Ellison
5) a) "A Rose for Ecclesiastes"
6) b) Ray Bradbury
7) d) ANALOG
8) b) Karel Capek
9) c) Yrsula K. LeGuin
10) a) STAND on ZANZIBAR
11) b) F. Skinner
12) c) The Nebula Award

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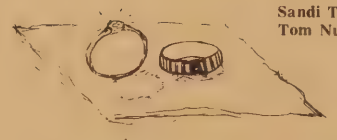

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BMI Announces Music Contest

Broadcast Music, Inc (BMI), the world's largest music licensing organization, has thrown open the doors to its annual musical show competition aimed at highlighting the young talent in the nation's colleges, universities and conservatories.

Since 1961, BMI has awarded an annual prize to the top shows sponsored and produced on the nation's campuses. **Now, the writer of an unproduced work also is invited to join the competition.**

In opening the doors, BMI is in keeping with the times and with its continuing effort to support the young writer for the musical theater. Rising production costs on the nation's campuses have resulted more and more in the production of established, box-office proof work. The untried effort of the newcomer is ignored.

BMI recognizes the value of the full production of a show on campus and the new prize structure reflects that.

More important, BMI recognizes that the young writer, the future of the American musical theater, needs encouragement and BMI has reshaped the rules of its University Musical Show Competition accordingly.

As in the past, the competition is judged by a distinguished panel of musical theater professionals.

Additional information is available from Allan Becker, Broadcast Music, Inc., 40 West 57th Street, New York, New York 10019.

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Administration Criticized For Lack Of Sound Thinking In Conservation

From: Conservation News

Almost any ground seems solid enough when a person has his ear to it. One of the main problems with that position, though, as Winston Churchill noted, is that it is "very hard to look up to leaders who are detected in that somewhat ungainly posture." It is also hard to fight a war for energy conservation from that position.

The present Administration is slowly realizing the fact. Thusfar, the federal government has been avoiding anything which the polls say thepublic does not want. What it has been doing is sloganeering (WIN buttons) and singing (there really is an official WIN march) and really offering little of any substance.

Obviously democratic government should not, and cannot, work against the clear desires of the people. But, a look at the flip side, it must provide some leadership beyond the slavish worship of public opinion polls.

We are not in a "national crisis" which requires "drastic and immediate action" the President tells us. We are merely burdened with a "national problem" which needs only "widespread understanding."

The continuing slide into a recession and two recent events—a House of Representatives - released study and some national energy hearings—give little comfort that, indeed, understanding will heal all, that if we just sit tight and wear our WIN buttons, everything will come out brighter than bright. The problem won't "just go away."

During the recent public hearings to help design a national energy policy for the Administration, Interior Secretary Rogers C.B. Morton persistently touched on a pervasive myth when he asked, "How much conservation can the economy stand?" Implicit in the question is the antiquated belief that a slowdown in energy demand over years to come will halt, even reverse, the long-term growth of the U.S. economy. In one of its advertisements, Mobile Oil stated it simply: "We insist that more energy—not less—is essential for economic growth, particularly so that we can provide decent living standards for those Americans who have not yet achieved them." That brings to mind the same kind of insipid mentality that incites a man to stomp on the gas pedal so as to get to the filling station quickly before he runs out of gas.

Traditionally, demand for energy has grown apace with the economy and Mobil's argument was perhaps once true. Energy was cheap and there was no compelling economic reason to be thrifty with energy as productive capacity increased.

But the Era of Mindless Waste is over. With ever increasing prices of petroleum products, it no longer follows that pressures to conserve energy will stunt capital investment or shrink the gross national product. Rather capital investment will be diverted into more energy-efficient plants and machinery. Nor do living standards necessarily suffer when a greater part of consumer spending is directed toward so-called service industries instead of toward more material good requiring ever so much more energy.

The Ford Foundation's Energy Policy Project found that the top 15 energy-intensive industries consumed 45 percent of the energy used in all manufacturing, yet produced only nine percent of the value added and accounted for only six percent of manufacturing jobs.

Rather than more sloganeering and singing, what is needed from the Administration are some responsible and straight forward economic incentives to force the conservation of energy throughout the U.S. America, which has called on oil-consuming powers to reduce oil consumption by three million barrels a day by the end of 1975, has made little effort to practice what it preaches. To be fair, a promising start was made after the Oct. 19, 1973, Arab oil embargo. Largely voluntarily, the nation significantly reduced its energy load, probably by more than five percent. But the scare passed and energy thrift gave way to a binge that has helped raise U.S. consumption to eight times the world average.

An exhaustive, 19-month study by the House Government Operations Committee gives the United States only five years to cut in half its astonishing rate of increase in energy consumption. Otherwise, the quality of American life will significantly deteriorate. The 133-page report optimistically concludes that the necessary cuts can be made and that our standard of living can be maintained. But, the report declares, it will take some sacrifice, enormous ingenuity, and perhaps above all, decisive government leadership.

The report cites a myriad of needed household conservation measures requiring little capital investment, from turning down thermostats to tuning up auto engines. These should be combined with government encouragements for changes in transportation habits, building design, and resource reclamation. The report also cites applaudable, but scattered steps that private industry is now taking. Some of the innovative ideas include:

+ Dow Chemical is using infrared photography to detect heat loss in plants.

+ General Motors and DuPont have found they can manufacture goods with techniques that save 10 to 30 percent of the energy.

+ Michigan Consolidated Gas has contracted with its gas customers to put up to six inches of insulation in their homes and add the cost to the gas bill, interest free. The energy savings: 17 percent for houses more than 35 years old, 10 percent for newer homes.

Other dramatic industrial success stories have been seen elsewhere:

+ TRW, Inc. cut its electricity bill for 1974 by more than $120,000 at just one of its plants in Cleveland.

+ The distribution centers of Sears, Roebuck & Co. and J.C. Penney Co. in Atlanta report power savings of as much as 30 percent in recent months, simply by spreading out nonesessential loads into time periods of lighter demand and hence lower unit cost.

+ Aetna Life and Casualty of Hartford has figured out a dollar saving of 55 percent in its energy bills through a conservation program.

+ IBM launched an ambitious energy conservation program in 1973 and, in just 10 months, 33 of the company's major plant, laboratory, and headquarter locations across the country reported savings in fuel of 30 percent, the equivalent of enough gallons of oil to heat over 16,000 homes in the Northeast for an entire year.

The stunning fact about such waste-cutting measures is that they require virtually no major capital alterations or operating upheavals. All that is involved is turning lights and equipment off when not in use, reduced lighting in public rooms, thermostats set at 68 degrees, and other such mundane measures. Although some of the above examples are relatively light energy consumers, significant savings can also be made with energy-intensive industries.

There are many other such ways in which our energy fat can be painlessly trimmed. The point of Secretary Morton's concern: The American economy cannot only stand such conservation efforts, but brute economics demand their implementation.

By the time this is in print, the Administration may have been forced to adopt tough, yet sensible, mandatory measures, whether in the form of a gasoline tax or other unpopular, but essential, action. Much of his surprise, the President will probably also find that he soon has the overwhelming long-term support of the American public behind him. It is hoped it is not too late and that future such actions can come in the form of prevention rather than consist of the far more painful treatment.

Whatever the Administration may choose to do, inflation and our energy crisis can only be fought with sacrifices courageously advocated now. The President cannot have his eye on the long-term interests of the country if he continues only to keep his ear to the ground.

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"The many new listings this year for international, national, interstate, state and federal organizations indicate clearly that the conservation movement is still growing," said Gloria Decker, editor of the 200-page reference volume.

The new book lists the addresses, activities, and officers of such diverse organizations as the African Wildlife Leadership Foundation, Inc., in Nairobi, Kenya, and the International Pacific Halibut Commission, established by a convention between the U.S. and Canada in 1923. A large section devoted to the federal government lists all Congressional committees and subcommittees concerned with the environment as well as government departments and agencies. The largest section is devoted to citizen organizations, listed by states, including NWF affiliates in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands.

The new CONSERVATION DIRECTOR also includes:

A guide to major colleges and universities offering professional training for careers in conservation and environmental matters.

An index of periodicals and directories of interest to conservationalists.

A listing of fish and game administrators in the U.S. and Canada.

References to audio-visual and bibliographic materials.

An alphabetized name index of officials and leaders in conservation work.

"The section listing foreign government conservation and environmental offices is twice the size of that section last year," said Mrs. Decker, "and that reflects a growing awareness that the need for conservation is worldwide."

The 1975 CONSERVATION DIRECTORY, a standard reference tool for conservationists for nearly two decades, will be available in mid-January at a cost of $2.50 from the National Wildlife Federation, 1412 16th St, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

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Students Tour Spain

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Last summer 96 students from 25 states, Cuba, Canada and Puerto Rico departed from Kennedy Airport and flew to Madrid.

The group was lodged in Colegio Mayor Marques de la Ensenada, in the campus of the University of Madrid, where they lived and attended classes.

The dormitory had its own private pool, tennis and basketball courts.

Courses ranged from Elementary Spanish to Literature and Culture.

Students toured La Mancha visiting all the interesting places related to Cervantes and Don Quixote.

Sixty students made a four day tour to Santiago de Compostela and Leon. Once or twice a week a group trip was scheduled to visit such historical places as Valle de los Caidos, El Escorial, Segovia, Avila, Toledo, Museo del Prado, Palacio Real, Fabrica de Tapices etc.

Students found that they had also more than enough time to do, see and learn whatever they chose.

As part of the program, a trip was taken to Southern Spain, visiting famous cities as Cordoba, Sevilla, Granada, Malaga and two days were spent in the beautiful Torremolinos Beach, in the Mediterranean.

The tour went through Moorish Mosques and Christian Cathedrals, Moroccan night clubs, flamenco dances, etc.

Along the road they saw a battle fortress and watchtowers that seemed to tell stories by themselves.

In each city the group was accommodated in de luxe hotels as Colon in Sevilla, Luz Granada and Holiday Inn in Torremolinos.

To complete the excitement of this tour, some students crossed the Strait of Gibraltar and spent a day in Tangier, Africa.

When the tour was over, the group returned to Madrid for one more day where parties of farewell were given and then, back home!

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gosh-wow . . . If its done realistically and with skill and talent. And you can keep the weak, palid, gutless, soul-searching, whining, mystical, considerate, socially conscious crap . . . Writers today are becoming afraid to be entertainers. . ."

A few additional comments: Geis' comments shouldn't be misinterpreted to mean that there is no place in fiction for social consciousness, etc. But fiction is, first and foremost, entertainment. If a story is not entertaining it is useless, a square wheel, a cart without a horse. Lenny Bruce said this about comedy, and I say it about fiction.

Fiction has become so pretentious in the last 100 years that it has lost meaning. From Joseph Conrad's "Heart of Darkness" to John Barth's **Lost in the Funhouse**, fiction has become so obsessed with literary values that it has lost all value for most people. Literary scholars are fond of saying that anyone can write popular fiction. This is so much B.S. If it were true, 2,000 people would drop out of BCC tomorrow and get rich writing so-called "popular fiction."

I hearby challenge any literary scholar within the sound of my voice who is disgusted with popular fiction to sit down and write a bestselling popular novel, any category, and any length. If it is so easy, surely someone with a background in Camus and Pynchon can do it. Let me know when your novel hits the **New York Times** bestseller list, and I'll give you my subscription to **Analog**. But, I won't hold my breath waiting.

Ski Jump

The first official ski jumping competition in the United States was held at Red Wing, Minnesota, in 1887. Norwegian Mikkel Hemmesveit won with a jump of 37 feet.

African Trips Offered

"The American forum for International Study in cooperation with the University of Massachusetts (Amherst) will conduct three summer programs in African Studies and Culture in Africa during July and August, 1975.

"In July, Kenya and Tanzania will be the sites for a program on the "Ecology and Cultures of East Africa". Beginning at the University of Nairobi, the program will proceed to Arusha, Ngorongoro, Olduvia, Serengeti, Mombasa, and Dar es Salaam.

"From July 20-Autust 15, the Institute of African Studies of the University of Ibadan will host "African Studies in Nigeria". Sites visited will include Lagos, Ife, Abeokuta, Oyo, and for the first time, Kano, Muslim center in northern Nigeria.

"In August, the highly acclaimed Comparative Cross African Societies will be repeated. The program will visit Senegal, Dahomey, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Kenya, and Tanzania.

"All Forum programs are accredited by the Center for International Education, University of Massachusetts. Six credits may be earned. All programs are interracial and open to college faculty, staff, and students, and public and private school teachers.

"Costs range from $1,550 for the Nigerian program to $2,120 for the Cross African program. Some scholarship assistance will be available. Included in the cost of the program is round trip jet transportation on KLM scheduled flights, all educational and field work costs, room and board.

"The American Forum is a non-profit, educational organization that has pioneered African Studies summer programs in Africa since 1968. More than 1200 teachers and students have participated in the 21 prevous Forum programs.

"Further information can be had from the American Forum, 503 The Arcade, Cleveland, Ohio 44114 or call (216) 621-4949."

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Pointer Sisters Live in Cinderella Story—

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ranges from their incredible version of Lambert, Hendricks and Ross' famous "Cloudburst," to funky Allen Toussaint's "Yes We Can Can," from Willie Dixon's old Chicago blues—"Wang Dang Doodle" to their own compositions—the smooth and melodic "Sugar" and the fortyish "Jada."

Their irrespressible spirits are reflected not only in the exciting high energy music, but in the incredible style of each sister. Dressing exclusively from thrift shops, they've brought a new dimension to "antique" clothing, rivaling the styling of both Bette Midler and early Barbra Streisand. Fake flowers, wide brim hats, forties dresses all combine for an effect on state that is riveting.

But the girls themselves deny they're recreating any past eras. "We've always been into clothes and we started dressing this way a couple of years ago. When we were singing back-up we just used to wear jeans and tee-shirts, but last year we went on tour with Dave Mason and he wanted us wearing dresses, so we started haunting thrift shops and buying out half of Oakland and this is what we came up with." Even though salvations from the thrift shop are gradually being combined with special creations from young designers, the basic style is still the same. But, despite the input of designers, The Pointer Sisters continue to set their physical style through mutual consent.

Their musical styling also arrives from mutual collective thinking. "We sang rock for so long, yet when we'd start to write it didn't come out like that. We wrote "Jada" for Anita's daughter and it sounds much closer to Lambert, Hendricks and Ross than any other composer." They're into using their voices as instruments and at one point in their show fool their audience by "playing" toy trumpets and saxophones. "No, that is us singing, those things don't make any noise at all." In the song "That's How I feel" the girls carry on an entire conversation totally assessible emotionally without one world of understandable language. "It's all gibberish, but it makes sense to us. Sometimes we go around the house singing to each other in scat instead of talking so that song just came naturally. We don't plan what we're going to say and it comes out differently each time."

Their very first live appearance took place at Doug Weston's famous Troubadour Cafe in L.A., where they caused the kind of commotion which occurs only in fairy tales such as this—press agents actually leaving the bar to watch the show, veteran music publishers returning night after night, bouquets of flowers at their hotel from radio stations and talent agencies, agents bringing their wives back for a second and third and fourth visit, people flying in from New York, and network television veterans like the producers of the Flip Wilson Show—who signed them for four Helen Reddy summer shows, and then some more with Flip in the fall, Johnny Carson's producers, talent scouts from "The Midnite Special" whose show with the Sisters will air in July. The girls themselves are enjoying every golden minute of it.

Are they tired after a 45 minute show that starts at a fevered pitch and goes even higher? "No, not at all. We're ready to do it again in minutes. Singing like ours comes naturally to all of us and as for the power of our voices, well, you have to remember, Mom and Dad are both preachers and we're preachers' daughters. We gotta be heard."

The Pointer Sisters debut album is on Blue Thumb.

Baldwin Steps Down

BCC Athletic Director Dick Baldwin is stepping down as varsity golf coach, effective immediately. Baldwin cited the pressure of other responsibilities as the reason for his resignation.

Baldwin has coached the golf team for 16 years here. His first team went undefeated in regular season play (12-0), won the Region III title, and placed fifth in the National tournament at Odessa, Texas.

The following year on the links (1960), his team won the regional title again. The team's record since then includes one second-place and five third-place finishes in National Junior Collegiate Athletic Association (NJCAA) regional competition. Baldwin's teams in those 16 years have an overall record of 115 wins, 58 losses, and two ties.

A successor to Baldwin has not been named.

Last year's golf team with resigning coach, Dick Baldwin, left.

BROOME COMMUNITY COLLEGE HOCKEY CLUB

SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Location	Opponent	Time
Sat.	Feb. 15	Grippen	Harpur College Club	9-11 a.m.
Sat.	Feb. 15	"	Endicott Optimists	12:15 (noon)
			(NOTE: the game against Harpur precedes game against E.O.)	
Mon.	Feb. 24		Wholesale Electric	9:30 p.m.
Fri.	Feb. 28	Syracuse War Mem.	LeMoyne College	10:30 p.m.
Sat.	Mar. 1	Grippen	Titchener	12:15 (noon)
Fri.	Mar. 7	"	Woodruff Collision	11:45 p.m.
Sat.	Mar. 8	"	Wholesale Electric	10:45 p.m.
Sun.	Mar. 9	"	Endicott Optimists	10:00 a.m.
Mon.	Mar. 10	"	Titchener	10:45 p.m.
Fri.	Mar. 14	"	Titchener	11:45 p.m.
Sat.	Mar. 15	"	Wholesale Electric	12:15 (noon)
Sun.	Mar. 16	"	Woodruff Collision	12:15 (noon)

Lacrosse at B.C.C.

- Broome C.C. has a Lacrosse Club
- Anyone interested please attend
- PRACTICE SUNDAYS at 3:00 p.m. IN GYM

ANSWERS TO SPORTS QUIZ

1.) c 2.) c 3.) c

4.) c 5.) c 6.) c

7.) c 8.) c

9.) Brown-New York
Conner-Chicago
Lavelli-Cleveland
Moore-Baltimore

10.) c

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0	0	(No Mentality)

Hornet Hockey Needs 'The Sting'

To the Editor:

Hornet Hockey needs "the sting."

You who read this mystic phrase wonder what the "sting" might be . . .

Support Broome Community College's first hockey team. Amateur players who lurk throughout the campus often wonder why extinction exists in the stands at Grippen Park bleachers. Don't young people enjoy watching the fastest game in the world?

This institution of higher learning has a team to be proud of. Did you know that? With a present record of 12-0, it remains the only team in the Southern Tier Hockey Association without a defeat. Underdogs wish to soil this perfect record.

Defense, playing a major role in this game, as in any sport, is the key to the team's .70 goals-against average. Mathematically, less than one-goal-against over a period of 12 games is virtually impossible. A contributing factor to the defense is the back-checking of the offensive line, which harass players in our defensive zone from the attacking team into making mistakes, thereby capitalizing by their misfortunes.

The three starting forwards on the ice keep most of the goal tenders in the league up all night wondering why they got burned. John Butler, at center, is an example of the playmaker one hears about. Passing the puck frequently to linemates Jake Beaudette at left wing and Terry Roma at right wing is why all three have a combined point average of 45 points, the highest in the league. This precision line is the creation of Coach George Higginbottom.

Jake Beaudette, owner of a few three-goal game, is often fed by "Buts" and "Terry" in an unselfish style. The players assist one another well, which always keeps the game exciting.

Close back-checking and fore-checking keeps the toes of Goalie Bennie DiLorenzo cold without too many shots on him. "Bengy" is noted for saying odd things or yelling at times of pressure to express his feelings of excitement. Often loudly, he'll state "screened" or "one on ya" to his defensemen through his molded mask.

Working together with Bengy are his defensemen, who work in shifts of two, alternating continuously. Defensemen include Jim Zweig, Steve Frank, Mark Zweig, Bob Mott, Bob Dennis, Tom Acholis and John Cine. These men help to protect the slot in front of the net before opponents reach that last man.

Overall, the well balanced team's second and third lines have the edge over the opposition's second and third lines. We come out on top playing position hockey and hustling, which helps increase the depth on the team.

Interested people may receive schedules from the BCC Athletic Office, which lists home and away games. Keep in mind that we are the other winter sport on campus—give us a try!! See you at Grippen Park!

Jim Zweig
Captain

CLASSIFIED

Layout Editor,
Good luck with the 10 lbs.
Pianoman

Owner
Spectacular new look
Pianoman

Munchiec,
Lots of running . . . Tires one out . . . But I'd run a mile for you
Your friend

Mrs. S.
Keep up the good work.
Asst. Union Mang.

Munchie CC
How do you spell your name, & would you like some lunch?
"You know who" here

Carol, Joz,
Let's give everyone the stare. (Like Munchie CII)
ROB

Munchie C
I am your friend how's about an ID bracelet
R.
P.S. gold or leather

JOZ,
I need your Dr.s phone number. I ran all the way from my house . . . "Thats the Problem"
Signed "You Know Who" Here

THE ART EDITOR & BUSINESS MANAGER OF A CERTAIN PAPER WISH THEIR STAFF MEMBERS WOULD GET SOME WORK DONE . . .

Owner,
Got any new rolls we haven't rolled in a while.
Pianoman

Chris
If I had only known! Next time don't bolt the door so that the key won't work!
Action

San Francisco,
If you keep on driving like that you might Beat me yet.
S. McQueen
P.S. Zoom Zoom

To the pinball Queens,
Give up I'm too good for you,
Pinball King
P.S. it's all in the knees

To My Girl Friend,
You better be good. Or this time I'll take both your shoes as well as kidnap you. But those obscene gestures you made to me I don't understand, because I'm not that kind of guy.
Your Boyfriend

To San F. & Adnor,
Congratulations on your near miss and pre-engagement.
P.S. Adnor watch out for Cupid the Escape Clause

Action Jackson,
Next time the key doesn't fit . . . Please don't draw a crowd!!
upset

Dr. Trouble and the Stripper,
I have an idea . . . Why don't we go to the warehouse.
Signed,
Sears Diehard

The special person in 449:
Thanks for announcing my 21st.
The person in 450.

To all the people who attended the Pines:
Thank you for the wonderful time. Especially Wednesday night and Thursday morning. I really enjoyed myself.
The 21st birthday person

Adnor,
You beat me to it at Thirsty's, but I "jumped" you at the Keg.
San Francisco

To Looney & Tunes
Whoppers may be alright, but you ain't lived till you've had a Kosher dill.
R.G.

Pew, Beer:
Geneseo just wasn't ready for you-Flakes & Shirley Temple curls are just not "in" better luck next time.
85 mph

T.C.
SHake the dice, odds or evens!
B.V.

D.&C.
You've got to stop meeting like that! (in the parking lot)
"Spy Patrol"

Sour Puss,
I hope your Buns get moldy!!!
Burger King

Attention all NARCS: Have fire, will burn
U.Y. Matted Dog and Company

To our McDonald Land Friends,
Hold the two all beef patties, special sauce, lettuce, cheese, onions, and the sesame seed bun - but . . . give me the pickle!!!
Sour Puss!

TT, had any good tickets lately?
Signed Drake's Cakes

Doc
US MAD? . . . just because you stood us up for "2" hours after we made you a delicious lasagne dinner. Why should we be mad—because you came to the house at 1:30 am to explain and woke the whole neighborhood up . . . We're not mad . . . We're getting even!!
Miss Kitty and Calamity Jane

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Dear D.— Harvey left us! Do you think he'll ever come back? M. P.S. Even if he does, we'll spend the night in the ladies room—reading graffiti.

Mike (Butch Cassidy)—Tina wants your body only . . . it's not your mind she's after. We know you've been saving up, you said so yourself; go ahead, you perverted devil you, SPLURGE!!
Miss Kitty and Calamity Jane

To Hello It's Me—
Still we are here! We are still!
Love, A wizard a true star

To flight control:
If you're going to take a leap with your car, take it s-l-o-w.
Signed . . . don't enjoy flying.

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SPORTS

Sports Quiz

Detroit and Who?

1) What is the record for the most consecutive tournament wins by a professional golfer (set by Byron Nelson in 1945)?
   a) 9
   b) 7
   c) 11

2) What was the length of the longest pro hockey game on record (between the Detroit Red Wings and Montreal Maroons)?
   a) 1 hour 57 minutes
   b) 3 hours 11 minutes
   c) 2 hours 56 minutes

3) Who is the leading scorer on this year's highly ranked Indiana University basketball team?
   a) Quinn Buckner
   b) Kent Benson
   c) Scott May

4) Ralph Kiner was recently inducted into baseball's Hall of Fame. Who did Kiner play for?
   a) Brooklyn-Los Angeles Dodgers
   b) Boston Red Sox
   c) Pittsburgh Pirates

5) Bill Walton's lawyer recently described Walton as a "slave" to the Portland Trailblazers management. How much did this highly publicized slave sign for to play pro basketball in Portland?
   a) $1.7 million
   b) $2.8 million
   c) $2.5 million

6) What is the longest recorded "hole-in-one" in golfing history (by amateur Robert Mitera, aided by a 50 mph wind)?
   a) 315 yards
   b) 380 yards
   c) 444 yards

7) Who is the only athlete to tie or break six world's records in track and field on one day?
   a) Bob Hayes
   b) Ronald Hill
   c) J.C. "Jesse" Owens

8) Who is the only woman to win tennis' "grand slam?"
   a) Billie Jean King
   b) Maureen Catherine Connolly
   c) Margaret Smith Court

9) Match the pro football player recently inducted into the Hall of Fame with his team.

Roosevelt Brown	Baltimore Colts
George Connor	Cleveland Rams
Dante Lavelli	New York Giants
Lenny Moore	Chicago Bears

10) Who was the only unanimous selection to the 1975 American Basketball Association (ABA) All-Star Team?
   a) Moses Malone
   b) Swen Nater
   c) Julius Erving

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Campus Responds to Lovinger

by Clayton Ellis
FULCRUM Sports Editor

Recently, a Sun-Bulletin sportswriter attempted to explain why the BCC basketball program isn't drawing large crowds, as it often did in the past. In his efforts to determine the causes, he brought up several good points, along with one that is untrue, according to several people connected with the team.

The points made which are recognzed as valid are as follows:

+The attendance record has corresponded with the team's won-lost record.

+The addition to the Triple Cities of the semi-pro hockey business and the Arena.

+Many people and students can't identify with out-of-town players.

The discrepancy revolves around the following statement by the Sun-Bulletin:

"There is a vocal anti-basketball element on campus, which tends to undercut student enthusiasm for the team, and the student newspaper has rapped the program for years."

An "anti-basketball element" does not exist, according to the people connected with the basketball team that were contacted. A phone call to Dick Baldwin yielded the comment that "in the past there have been" anti-basketball feelings but it "certainly doesn't apply this year or in the past couple of years."

Several students, including the captain of the basketball squad, Sonny Gooden, denied the existence of an anti-basketball element. Of course, basketball has been toned down by the administration primarily due to money problems.

Those contacted said they could not detect an anti-basketball group on campus, nor are they aware of who might be involved.

Back issues of the FULCRUM show only a couple of scattered incidents which existed that were against the Hornets team. According to Coach Baldwin, "one year there was an article urging the boycott of a basketball convocation." Only one or two other cases of anti-basketball sentiment can be found in the past issues.

Broome's assistant basketball coach, Jim Caverly, was unavailable for comment, as was Jay Lovinger, the Sun-Bulletin writer who penned the January 28 article.

Baldwin also asserted that the FULCRUM has improved overall in the past couple of years, and with this improvement has come fair and equal coverage of all sports.

BCC Athletic Director Dick Baldwin.

Grapplers Win Quadrangular

Broome CC's mat men came through the quadrangular meet at SUNY-Binghamton January 31 by breaking two records and winning all three matches. The win against the SUNY-Binghamton JV's set a school record for the most wins ever recorded by Broome since 1970, when the team was coached by Duane Whittaker. Al Schmidt broke the other record for the most team points in two seasons. The previous record was held by Dave Ballard who scored 120 points. Schmidt's record so far this season is 149 points.

At the meet, BCC's grapplers held off Luzerne CC, the SUNY Binghamton JV's, and Delhi Ag. & Tech. Broome CC had previously been defeated by Delhi but this time they managed to overcome the team to place 7th in the top ten of Region III.

Fred Booth made one of his best showings this season when he decisioned Mike Moskowitz of Delhi, 8-3. Mike Burczak, Chuck Reylea, Steve Foster, Cliff Herman, Kevin Hyde, and Al Schmidt all pinned their opponents in the match against Luzerne CC. Coach Beston said that their opponents just weren't as aggressive and that they, "just didn't know what to do with us." The major upset in the meet was when Al Schmidt was decisioned 5-4 by Mike Naclerio of Delhi Ag. & Tech.

The following day, Broome CC traveled to Utica for a dual meet against tough Mohawk Valley CC. They lost the match 28-18. Coach Beston felt that the match was a close one and that his team wrestled well. He also mentioned that the team was still tired from the quandrangular meet the day before.

In a dual match against Morrisville last week, Broome CC had to go on without four of its teammates. Dan Gaul and Gary McConnel both had torn instep ligaments, Cliff Herman suffered a hyper-extended elbow, and Kevin Hyde was home with the flu. The results from both the Morrisville match and another match gainst Alfred Ag. & Tech. was not available at press time.

If all goes well the Broome grapplers leave today for the regionals. This year the regionals will be held at Delhi Ag & Tech. The words of Coach Bill Beston sum up the year's showing by the grapplers, "Wrestlers need supporters."

177 pounder Steve Foster works for a pin with a cradle.

1974 BCC Grapplers with Coach Beston and some pretty managers.